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ACTION: Amembassy LAGOS

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1. In the November/December 1968 time frame, the Italian freighter, Fucinatore, length 573 ft., beam 69 ft., drawing 18½ ft. of water, was discharged in the Warri River.
2. Holts Transport, Ltd., were the agent and stevedores handling the shipment which was consigned to a Shell Oil project at Warri.
3. The cargo of 6,405 tons of 24 inch diameter pipe joints was off-loaded to lighters at the junction of the Warri River and Crawford Creek. Info is requested as soon as possible as to the route the ship used in entering the Warri River from the sea.

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1. Following information on David B. Dawson provided per
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Washington, D.C.; Date of birth: 4/9/36; Place of birth:
New York City, New York.

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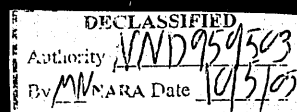
LAGOS 2811 SENT IMMEDIATE YESTERDAY REPLIES
TO QUESTION RAISED PARA 12 ADDIS 1403. NOTE
ALSO PARA ADDIS 1403 IMPLIES OJUKWU
HAS REJECTED OGUTA RIVER ROUTE WHICH
ACCORDING OUR INFORMATION NOT REPEAT NOT CASE.

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C O N F I D E N T I A L LAGOS 3781

SUBJECT: NIGERIA: INTERNATIONAL OBSERVERS

FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF TELEGRAM OF APRIL 26 FROM UKHICOM TO LONDON, DRAFTED BY COL. CAIRNS.

1. TEAM CONSISTING OF MAJ GEN WAHLGREN (SWEDEN) BRIG GEN HAMILTON (CANADA) COL CAIRNS (UK) ACCOMPANIED BY DR. HENSEN (UN) AND CAPT. YILMA (OAU) VISITED 1 DIV AREA 22-25 APR INCL. TEAM PURPOSELY KEPT SMALL TO FACILITATE MOVEMENT AND ADMINISTRATION IN NEWLY LIBERATED AREAS. TEAM TRAVELED FROM LAGOS TO ENUGU AND RETURN IN SIX SEATER PIPER AZTEC AIRCRAFT SPECIALLY CHARTERED BY FMG AND WHICH PROVED IDEAL.

2. TEAM TRAVELED FROM ENUGU VIA ABAKALIKI TO AFIKPO FROM WHERE THEY DROVE ALONG THE ROUTE OF 2 SECTOR'S RECENT ADVANCE

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WHICH WAS AFIKPO-OSO-OWUTU-OBORO-OZU ABAM UMUKPUBE-BENDE. BENDE NOW FIRMLY HELD BY FEDERAL TROOPS BUT COMPLETELY DESERTED BY CIVILIANS MANY OF WHOM HAVE MADE THEIR WAY BACK TO REFUGEE CAMPS IN AFIKPO THROUGH WHICH APPROX 5000 HAVE PASSED IN LAST TWO WEEKS AND APPROX 3000 ARE STILL THERE. THESE ARE MOSTLY RIVERS PEOPLE ANXIOUS TO RETURN TO THEIR VILLAGES. FEDERAL TROOPS ASSISTED BY RED CROSS ARE CARING FOR AND FEEDING THESE REFUGEES MOST OF WHOM SEEM WELL NOURISHED ALTHOUGH SOME CHILDREN WERE SEEN SUFFERING FROM MALNUTRITION AND THESE ARE BEING SPECIALLY CARED FOR. SECTOR COMMANDER IS TAKING ACTIVE STEPS TO DISPERSE THESE REFUGEES TO THEIR VILLAGES WHEREVER POSSIBLE.

3. ON 24 APRIL TEAM PROCEEDED FROM ENUGU TO OKIGWE FROM WHERE THEY FOLLOWED ROUTE OF I SECTOR (LT COL WYA) ADVANCE SOUTH. ROUTE WAS OKIGWE-OVIM-UZUAKOLI-NGU-UMUAHIA. ROAD FROM OKIGWE TO UZUAKOLI VERY BAD. NOTHING MORE THAN A VERY ROUGH LATERITE TRACK WHICH WILL BE IMPASSABLE AFTER RAIN.

(B) AT OVIM SECESSIONISTS HAVE ABANDONED A LINE OF RAILWAY GOODS WAGONS EXTENDING FOR OVER ONE MILE OF TRACK. WAGONS ALL LOADED MOSTLY WITH FOODSTUFFS (GARRI AND RICE) ALTHOUGH SOME CEMENT AND GASOLINE TANKERS. FEDERAL TROOPS HAVE NOT YET TOUCHED THESE WAGONS POSSIBLY FEARING FOOD IS POISONED.

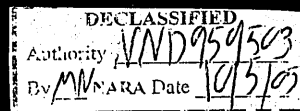
(C) AT UZUAKOLI THE LEPER COLONY HAS BEEN EVACUATED OF ALL IBO AND SOME NON-IBO LEPERS AND STAFF WITH THE EXCEPTION OF TWENTY-ONE NON-IBO PATIENTS. AN IMPROVISED PETROL REFINERY ONE MILE SOUTH OF UZUAKOLI WAS DESTROYED BY REBEL SHELL-FIRE AND WAS STILL BURNING.

(D) UMUAHIA WAS CAPTURED ON 22 APR BY ATTACK BY 44 AND 21 BNS OF FEDERAL ARMY. 44 BN (MAJ VATSA) BORE BRUNT OF ATTACK WHICH ADVANCED IN FACE OF HEAVIEST ARTILLERY FIRE THE FEDERAL TROOPS HAVE EXPERIENCED. ONE SOLITARY PANTHARD ARMoured CAR ALSO CAUSED DELAY AND NUMEROUS CASUALTIES AS FEDERAL TROOPS HAD NO ARMOUR-PIERCING WEAPONS AVAILABLE.

(E) TEAM TOURED UMUAHIA AND EXCEPT FOR SOME RECENT 81MM MORTAR BOMB CRATERS NO EVIDENCE OF BOMBING WAS SEEN. TOWN REMARKABLY LIGHTLY DAMAGED. AMPLE EVIDENCE OF PLANNED AND WELL-EXECUTED EVACUATION OF PEOPLE AND MOVABLE PROPERTY. QUEEN ELIZABETH HOSPITAL COVERS A VERY LARGE AREA AND NEW WARD S WERE IN THE PROCESS OF ERECTION. TEAM WALKED THROUGH GROUNDS AND THERE

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WAS NO SIGN OF BOMB DAMAGE IN THE GROUNDS OR IN THE BUILDINGS ENTERED BY THE TEAM. ALL BUILDINGS COMPLETELY EMPTY. TEAM VISITED OJUKWU'S IMPOSING RESIDENCE WHICH HAS TWO ELABORATE CONCRETE BUNKERS AND THE TEAM EXAMINED ONE OF THESE. THE OTHER AND EVEN MORE ELABORATE HAS NOT YET BEEN EXPLORED BY FEDERAL TROOPS AS BOOBY TRAPS ARE SUSPECTED. HOUSE COMPLETELY EMPTY AND UNDAMAGED EXCEPT FOR DOORS AND LOCKS BROKEN DURING ENTRY. VERY WELL STOCKED AND LAID OUT GARDEN. MAIN POST OFFICE UNDAMAGED AND NOT YET ENTERED BY FEDERAL TROOPS. RAILWAY STATION APPEARS UNDAMAGED AND MARKET PLACE HAS SIGNS OF BURNING BUT NO EXTENSIVE DAMAGE.

(F) TEAM INTERVIEWED PARTY OF SEVENTY-TWO CIVILIANS WHO HAD AVOIDED EVACUATION. THESE WERE MAINLY RIVERS TRADESMEN WHO HAD BEEN EMPLOYED IN UMUHIA ALTHOUGH THERE WERE FIVE PURE IBOS AMONGST THEM. THEY APPEARED TO BE WELL FED BUT SAID THAT THEY WERE FORTUNATE BECAUSE THEY WERE WORKING AND SO EARNED MONEY TO PAY THE INFLATED PRICES DEMANDED. FOR EXAMPLE A TEA CUP FULL OF GARRI COST ONE POUND. THEY WERE DELIGHTED TO BE FREE AND LOOKED FORWARD TO RETURNING TO THEIR VILLAGES. THEY SAID THAT OTHERS WERE IN HIDING AND WOULD EMERGE DURING THE NEXT FEW DAYS. NO RED CROSS PERSONNEL HAD BEEN FOUND IN UMUHIA AND LOCAL COMMANDERS HAD A LIST OF SUCH PERSONNEL BUT PRESUMED THEY HAD MOVED WITH THE SECESSIONISTS. THE FEDERAL COMMANDERS HAD BEEN ALERTED TO THE NEED TO PROTECT RED CROSS PERSONNEL AND WERE SOMEWHAT DISAPPOINTED AT NOT FINDING ANY.

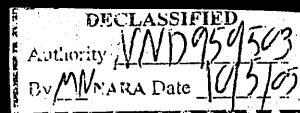
4. TEAM VISITED DR. HAGGIE'S TEAM AT ENUGU HOSPITAL WHERE THERE IS CONTINUED IMPROVEMENT WITH SEVENTY-TWO BEDS NOW IN USE AND OPERATING THEATRE FUNCTIONING.

5. THE TEAM IS DELIGHTED THAT IT HAD THE OPPORTUNITY OF VISITING THESE AREAS SO SOON AFTER THEY HAD BEEN LIBERATED AND THE OBSERVERS WERE THE FIRST "VISITORS" TO UMUHIA AFTER ITS CAPTURE BY FEDERAL FORCES. THE TEAM STRESSES THAT AFTER A VISIT OF ONLY HOURS IT CAN ONLY REPORT ON WHAT IT ACTUALLY SAW AND SOME PRESS AND RADIO REPORTS HAVE EXAGGERATED THE CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS MADE AT A PRESS CONFERENCE.

6. ALTHOUGH CAIRNS HAD OUR LIST OF BRITISH SUBJECTS THOUGHT TO BE IN THE AREA, THE TEAM SAW NO RPT NO BRITISH SUBJECTS. HE SAW THAT MAJOR VATSA HAD OUR LIST ALSO AND HEARD HIM GIVING

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INSTRUCTIONS TO NCO'S ON HOW EXPATRIATES SHOULD BE TREATED
IF FOUND. CAIRNS' OPINION IS THAT HAD ANY BEEN FOUND, THEY
WOULD HAVE COME TO NO HARM.
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Origin
Info:

ACTION: Amembassy LAGOS

INFO: US MISSION GENEVA

STATE

SUBJECT: Relief Corridors

1. We are in process re-evaluating relief corridors in light of changed military situation.
2. Value Cross River corridor for access to Biafran enclave appears now to hinge on tenuous Biafran foothold east of Imo River. For Langley: Request latest assessment Biafran capability to hold Cross River this sector. This/corridor ideal for supplying area uncovered by FMG, using landing craft.
3. Remaining routes to Biafra appear to focus on the Oguta terminus. These include: a. Warri/Burutu via Forcados River; b. Nun Entrance, thence via Nun Branch; c. Degema (Luns Plan).
4. A final possibility, neglected probably due its non-feasibility, is Imo River from Opobo to the enclave. A quick look should be taken to determine wet season depths, ^{and whether there is} any possibility using this route.

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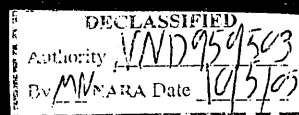
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5. For Wood: In consultation with Embassy, AID, and low-key discussion with local waterway experts, request you develop following information as basis for a corridor work-up on each route (assuming ocean-going ships would stop at Lagos for customs clearance, perhaps some would and proceed lightly loaded to another transshipment point ~~XXXXXX~~ hypothetical 500 tons per day as average requirement for each ~~xx~~ route):
- A. Constraining depths and bracketing dates in which increased wet season depths apply. B. Transshipment point (either for transfer from ocean-going ships, coasters, or landing craft). C. Route distance/turnaround time. D. Probable composition, numbers each type vessel/to be used on the ~~XXXXXX~~ route. E. Comment on local availability these vessels, including tugs involved for barges. F. Comments on port capacities (other than Lagos)/involved in route. G. Estimate lead time to come up to full requirements of route.
6. Request your ideas on contingency planning for possible imminent collapse of the enclave. Would P.H., routes leading north be key for large scale infusion relief supplies along with Calabar/Cross River? Would ICRC need major infusion additional vehicles or could vehicles recovered inside enclave be adequate for relief distribution? For Wood: Attempt to obtain, perhaps through Dawson visits, more precise inventory Biafran vehicles which would be used for relief. This to assist

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[in supply, maintenance planning for rapid activation this fleet.]

7. Request earliest reply in view forthcoming consultations with
Dutch on relief routes.

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1. Due to early departure Dawson for Sao Tome, impossible communicate fully our instructions regarding his mission. Therefore, we have requested Dawson report to Cotonou before commencing official part his mission and request that Embassy pass reftel Dawson and brief him on local relations ICRC and Biafran representatives. Dawson may arrive Cotonou via ICRC airlift from Uli provided arrangements for transit can be made by JCA.

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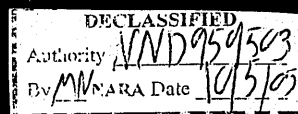
EMBASSY HAS RELAYED DAWSON MESSAGE REFTEL BY COMMERCIAL CABLE THROUGH LOCAL PTT FACILITIES AND HAS ASKED DAWSON CONFIRM RECEIPT. OUR MESSAGE WILL BE RELAYED EITHER VIA LUANDA OR PARIS. SINCE THERE IS NO DIRECT COMMUNICATIONS LINK BETWEEN LIBREVILLE AND SAO TOME, DEPT MAY WISH CONSIDER SENDING FUTURE MESSAGES SAO TOME VIA LUANDA, LISBON OR PARIS. MAY BE CHEAPER VIA LATTER CHANNELS SINCE REFTEL MESSAGE COST OVER DOLL 60. BANE

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1. AFTERNOON APRIL 28 INFORMED ICRC OF DAWSON MISSION AND REQUESTED ICRC TO INFORM BIAFRANS OF DAWSON ARRIVAL ULI. ICRC AGREED TO SEND MESSAGE NIGHT APRIL 28 TO ITS REPRESENTATIVE, JAGGI, REQUESTING BIAFRAN CLEARANCE AND INSTRUCTING JAGGI INFORM BIAFRANS PURPOSE DAWSON VISIT. ICRC REP DYRSSEN CAUTIONED JAGGI MIGHT ENCOUNTER SOME DIFFICULTIES IN OBTAINING CLEARANCE DUE TO DISORGANIZATION BIAFRAN ADMINISTRATION. ICRC HAVING DELAYS OBTAINING CLEARANCE ITS OWN PEOPLE DUE DISORGANIZATION. HE DID SAY, HOWEVER, PRESENCE LINDT IN BIAFRA AT THIS TIME COULD HELP SPEED UP CLEARANCE.

2. DYRSSEN WELCOMED IDEA OF SURVEY MISSION. FELT IT COULD PROVE USEFUL. COMMENTED THAT HE PLEASSED TO SEE JCA OPERATION INCLUDED IN SURVEY. COOPERATION BETWEEN JCA AND ICRC, ACCORDING TO HIM, HAS RECENTLY REACHED NEW HEIGHTS OF AMICABILITY. KNOX

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INFO: Amembassy LAGOS

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SUBJECT: PL 480 CRS Shipments to Sao Tome

REF: STATE 64788 *5-4*

1. CRS Shipping Schedule Ref amended as follows due to information just received from CRS/NY: Del Mundo, 862 Mts Rice ETA 12 May; West Wind, 1,134 Mts Rice ETA 23 May. CRS/NY advises these bookings made per request Geissel.

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INFO: Amembassy LISBON

1. The Office of the Special Coordinator on Nigerian Relief will carry out a periodic survey of the JCA and ICRC relief effort and airlifts. This operation will be under the supervision of Mr. Clifford Wood, Logistics Field Representative, stationed temporarily in Lagos, and of the local mission from which the officer is reporting. The officer conducting the survey will operate only in and through the following points -- Cotonou, Dahomey; Sao Tome Airport; Santa Isabelle, Fernando Po; and Uli airfield in the Biafran-controlled enclave. Mr. David Dawson on the Staff of the Special Coordinator for Nigerian Relief will undertake the first survey. His mission should last approximately two weeks. His itinerary should be approximately as follows:

April 27 - depart Amsterdam via JCA charter plane to

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Sao Tome. Arrive Sao Tome April 28. Depart Sao Tome to Uli night of May 1. Depart Uli airfield to Cotonou night of May 4. Additional flight to Uli and one or two day holdover may be indicated. If possible, Dawson should also visit Santa Isabelle. He should return to Washington on or about May 11, unless otherwise instructed.

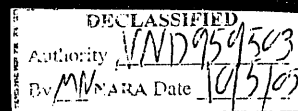
2. The survey officer will have his official base at Cotonou, Dahomey. He will keep ICRC and Joint Church Aid officials informed of his mission and request their assistance. The survey officer should secure their approval of his flight plan, which should be presented to them in advance.

3. The purpose of this purely technical mission is to collect information which will allow this office to be helpful and responsive to the needs of the ICRC and JCA. We are seeking information for no other purpose than to be helpful and are not attempting to influence their mode of operation in a manner which they would not wish. The survey officer is to obtain his information as much as possible from responsible officials at each of his destinations and will not express opinions to them on the conduct of operations. He is to spend a maximum of three days at any one point and will keep in contact both with his base in Cotonou, and with the Department.

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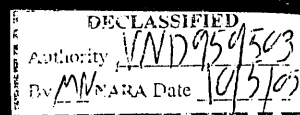
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4. The survey officer will act to maintain the good relations of this office with the parent organizations JCA and ICRC. This will require both discretion and frank dealing with all personnel with whom the officer comes in contact.
5. The survey officer will attempt to observe and report on airport conditions, spare-part problems, warehousing conditions, problems of maintenance, pilot and ground-crew morale, and will also be alert to the nature of cargoes being airlifted without, however, appearing to be investigating. He may discuss with airlift officials their relations with local authorities; flying conditions, crew morale, etc.
6. With regard to Uli Airport and conditions within the enclave, the survey officer will make contact with ICRC, Caritas, CRS, and WCS officials at Uli Airport or at their principal headquarters in order to be able to report their observations concerning food distribution; adequacy of supplies; number of persons at feeding centers; problems concerning health and medical care; displacement of persons due to military operations; and safety of medical, missionary, and team personnel. The survey officer may come in contact with Biafran officials, but will not attempt to negotiate on any matter with any Biafran official.

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7. At all times the officer will preserve a degree of anonymity, avoid contact with the press, and refrain from asserting his official capacity.
8. Geneva should inform ICRC Dawson's mission and request transportation Uli - Cotonou and Santa Isabelle.
9. Cotonou requested alert Biafrans Dawson intends arrive Uli night of May 1 from Sao Tome and describe his mission.
10. Wood is requested meet Dawson in Cotonou May 5 or 6 and debrief him for full report to Ferguson.

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SUBJECT: C-97 Aircraft

DEWEY TO BALAIR, BASLE

1. As a result of Dewey meeting with Balair April 18, engine problem has been brought to USAF attention.
2. USAF officials suggest using the direct channel B.G. Riemondy offered Balair, and cable him directly with request for additional engines. USAF will respond directly to this request.
3. Suggest addressing any future requirements to B.G. Riemondy, Office of the Chief of Staff, Air Force, The Pentagon with info copies to Col. M. H. Hamilton, Dept. of Defense, ISA and A.E. Dewey, U/CF, Dept. of State.
4. USAF also interested address with Balair reduction engine TBO from 1500 to ¹⁰⁰⁰ hrs. with consequent need for significantly more space engines in the pipeline.

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5. Air Staff officials are replying by septel to Capt. Herzog's cable on C-97 radar, dated April 22.
6. Regards and deepest appreciation for most helpful, enjoyable visit in Basle.

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ACTION: US Mission GENEVA PRIORITY

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SUBJECT: Payment, Landing Craft

1. Please pass to ICRC amount initial payment due on Fletcher contract:

- a. 10% contract cost: \$79,700.00
- b. Hydraulic cranes: 32,372.90
- Total due now: \$112,072.90

2. First National City Bank cabled dollars 1 million to their subsidiary, Geneva, April 25 for ICRC account.

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LIBREVILLE PASS CATHOLIC WELFARE, SAO THOME AND CONFIRM
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FOR DAWSON FROM SCHOTT

Instructions which we were not able to give you

personally because of inability reach you before departure,
have been sent to Cotonou. Therefore, before you begin
official part your mission, it is essential you proceed to
Cotonou for instructions. Due lack of local air communica-
tions you may transit Uli to reach Cotonou provided all parties
ICRC and Biafran officials alerted.

C. C. Ferguson

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Info:

ACTION: USMISSION GENEVA

INFO: Amembassy ADDIS ABABA
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SUBJECT: Instructions for Alfred Neal

1. Mission requested introduce Alfred Neal to Hendrick Beer,
Director General LICROSS, and present Beer following note from
Ferguson:

Dear Mr. Beer:

This will introduce to you a member of my staff,
Mr. Alfred Neal, who has been stationed at the American Embassy
in Addis Ababa. Before returning to Addis, I would like Mr. Neal
to have an opportunity to learn fully about your organization
and its operations. In particular, I would like him to brief
himself fully on African Red Cross societies.

Mr. Neal will be working with me on the Nigerian relief
your organization
problem and some brief experience working with ~~you~~ would be of
great assistance to me. For this reason, I am prepared to have
Mr. Neal spend the week of April 28 to May 2 with your staff,

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if that is agreeable with you.

Allow me to thank you for the warm reception you gave me on my visit to Geneva. I look forward to seeing you in the near future to discuss further the Nigerian relief problem.

Sincerely yours,

C. Clyde Ferguson, Jr.

2. Neal should spend full time at LICROSS and brief himself fully on their operations, present relief role in Nigeria, their working relations with African Red Cross societies, and the proposed meeting of African Red Cross societies, which Beer contemplated holding. We anticipate that future close working relationships with LICROSS will be important second phase Nigerian relief. Furthermore, Neal in present assignment Addis Ababa could make maximum use this knowledge in maintaining relations with Ethiopian and other African Red Cross Societies.

3. Neal should report Department on Monday, May 5.

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SUBJECT: Transport Equipment

FOR WOOD FROM DEWEY

Through your informal contacts, request estimate number of barges (approx 100 ton capacity) now in commercial use in Nigeria. Also potential availability of any of these, with tugs, for relief charter. Understand Flaherty left you some papers on 70 ton barges. Request availability status of these.

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TO : Department of State - Nigerian Task Force

FROM : U.S. Mission, Geneva

DATE: April 26, 1969

SUBJECT: ICRC Nigeria-Biafra War Relief Program

REF :

We are transmitting herewith three copies
of the amended ICRC Nigeria-Biafra War
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COMITÉ INTERNATIONAL DE LA CROIX-ROUGE

to all Permanent Missions in Geneva
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to all Voluntary Agencies and Unicef

Concerning : Adjustment of Relief Programme

We are glad to submit to you our first Adjustment to the Relief Programme. As it was decided at our conference in February and foreseen in the "6-month Plan" an analysis was made of the results of our Relief Action so far and the enclosed "Adjustment" contains first corrections. If necessary further monthly adjustments are envisaged, which will be duly forwarded.

For the International Committee
of the Red Cross

H. J. Schaedler

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Chief Operations Nigeria/Biafra

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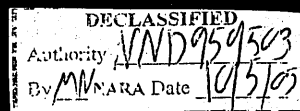
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ADJUSTMENT
OF PRACTICABLE PLAN
April-August 1969
concerning

RELIEF PROGRAMME
IN FAVOUR OF VICTIMS OF THE NIGERIA/BIAFRA WAR
for the period 1st March - 31 August 1969

The Red Cross being unqualified to consider questions related to the legal and political status of governments or authorities with which it has to deal, the word Biafra in this document does not in any way imply an ICRC standpoint (See resolution XXXVI of the XXth International Conference of the Red Cross).

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1.

General Remarks

This plan constitutes the first monthly adjustment as it was foreseen in the Relief Programme for six months.

It is based on the experiences made since the beginning of our relief action and particularly during the month of March. It takes into account the existing situation and actual facts for the present as well as possible developments that may be expected in near future. It likewise takes into consideration transport and distribution capacity as well as storage and warehousing capacity as they are given at the present.

However, no change in the planned and given principles of operation is envisaged. It also maintains the concept of establishing reserve stocks for an eventual emergency and thus following the "Relief Programme" for 6 months, here called the "Optimum Plan".

The present plan differs from the "Optimum Plan" in so far as it treats with the conditions that are possible and practicable in the near future, rather than being desirable and unlikely to be achieved.

Questions of finance and medicaments are not dealt with in this plan, however appreciations will be drawn later.

Relief Action Nigeria

Number of people reached by relief action

In the month of March an average of some 1'000'000 people were in receipt of relief. Approximately 4'500 tons of food were distributed in that period. As long as the situation at the front does not change considerably (-it has remained practically stable since October 1968-) the number of recipients will not increase at the rate foreseen in 6-month programme. It may be estimated that in June an increase of recipients up to some 1'400'000 is to be expected. This number is some 850'000 persons short of 6-month plan.

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Distribution of food (including local food purchases)

In the month of March 4'500 tons were distributed. With the available transport facilities the increased requirements for June and following months should be met, an increase of 20% in the capacity being possible.

At the moment an extension of the distribution area is being studied.

In consequence it is being planned to distribute an average of 5 - 6'000 tons monthly for the near future (April-August). This amount would mean a reduction of food supplies of 4 - 5'000 tons per month compared with optimum plan. (Annex 2)

Reserve Stock

To meet an eventual emergency a reserve stock of 40'000 tons is being kept. This would enable to provide relief to some 4,5 mio persons for one month. This reserve is stocked in Lagos and Stations Port-Harcourt, Calabar, Agbor and Enugu.

In order to assure efficient turnover of goods chief of mission Lagos considers it more practicable to keep stock down to approx. 25'000 tons on federal territory. An additional reserve should therefore be stored outside Nigeria near at hand in some African port.

Storage of goods

Nigeria has reached 38'000 tons on 1st April. At the present as well as the planned rate of distribution this stock constitutes a reserve for 5-6 months. As the maximum pile level was reported to have been reached by now and additional shipment must be refused for the time being, the Relief Action Nigeria/Biafra Headquarters in Geneva have directed an urgent appeal to voluntary agencies and the societies concerned not to direct any further shipping to Nigeria and by all means to notify ICRC-Geneva on any donation and planned movements before taking action.

Above all no more cereals are required for the time being.

It must be avoided at all costs that shipments reach Nigerian ports without the knowledge of ICRC Headquarters. Otherwise great danger of overstocking and risk of wastage ! (annex 1)

To store European donations storing space (10'000 m2) in Antwerp has been put at the disposal of the Relief Action.

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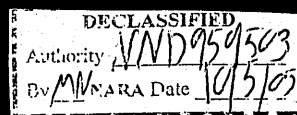
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Movement of Food

	<u>April</u>	<u>May</u>	<u>June</u>	<u>July</u>	<u>August</u>
Stock	38'000	33'000	30'000	27'000	27'000
Distribution	5'000	6'000	6'000	6'000	6'000
Receipt	<u>nil</u>	<u>3'000</u>	<u>3'000</u>	<u>6'000</u>	<u>6'000</u>
Stock end of month	<u>33'000</u> =====	<u>30'000</u> =====	<u>27'000</u> =====	<u>27'000</u> =====	<u>27'000</u> =====

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Relief Action Biafra

Persons in receipt of Relief

In the month of March a total of 988'000 persons were reached by the relief action. A sensible increase in the capacity of the airbridge will allow to reach a larger number of persons in future, all the more as, due to the oncoming increased food shortage in the months of May and June, more people will be in need in Biafran territory. An estimate of 1'500'000 may be taken into consideration.

(This number is 2'000'000 persons below estimated figures in Optimum Plan).

Movement of Food into Biafran Territory

In March 2'300 tons were flown into Biafra in 228 flights by INALWA.

Cotonou	162 flights	1'729 tons
Sta Isabel	65 flights	660 tons

In April due to the increased capacity of INALWA as many as 2'175 tons were flown into Biafra by mid-month (15th April).

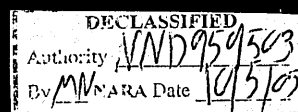
Cotonou	107 flights	1'157 tons
Sta Isabel	102 flights	1'028 tons.

Capacity of INALWA

On 15th April 9 planes were operational : 6 stationed at Cotonou and 3 (+ 1 Reserve) at Stisab. A maximum number of 8 planes could fly into Biafran territory in 1 night, effecting a total of 21 flights twice (4th and 5th April). As many as 227 tons were flown in one of these nights. As however, some planes remain grounded for various reasons, for a certain amount of time thus being out of action, the average number of flights is well below these figures.

An average of 14 flights per night is given so far for the first two weeks in April.

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Plans are made to increase the capacity of INALWA still so that we may safely expect that more than the foreseen 3'000 tons are conveyed to Biafra in future. An additional 1'000 tons per month are taken into consideration.

	<u>March</u>	<u>April</u>	<u>May</u>	<u>June</u>	<u>July</u>	<u>August</u>
Opt. Plan	3'000	3'000	3'000	3'000	3'000	3'000
Pract. Plan	2'300	3'500	4'000	4'000	4'000	4'000
Balance	- 700	+ 500	+1'000	+1'000	+1'000	+1'000

2/3 flown from Cotonou 1/3 from Sta Isabel

Due to this increase of supplying capacity of INALWA the OPERATION COSTS are exceeding our monthly budget by at least 1 million francs !

Storage Capacity at Cotonou

In Optimum Plan 20'000 tons of available space was mentioned. This figure was wrong. No more than 8'000 tons could be stored by end of March. Meanwhile, facing a bigger inflow of goods, it was possible to make an additional warehouse for 5'000 tons available.

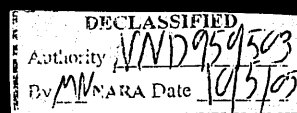
At present (14th April) 13'000 tons are in satisfactory storage in Cotonou and Porto Novo (goods in stores or not customs-cleared).

This stock constitutes a reserve of 4-5 months. Thus likewise in Cotonou (as in Lagos) maximum pile level has been reached and no further shipment can be expected for the time being.

Movement of Food in Cotonou

	<u>April</u>	<u>May</u>	<u>June</u>	<u>July</u>	<u>August</u>
Stock	13'000	10'700	8'100	6'500	6'500
Distribution	2'300	2'600	2'600	2'600	2'600
Receipt	<u>nil</u>	<u>nil</u>	<u>1'000</u>	<u>2'600</u>	<u>2'600</u>
Stock end of month	10'700	8'100	6'500	6'500	6'500

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Storage capacity Sta Isabel

A storing capacity of 5'000 - 6'000 tons is foreseen in Optimum Plan. This number corresponds to reality.

At the moment less than 2'000 tons are stored in Stisab, which constitutes an operational reserve of only 15-20 days. There exists the necessity of increasing the stock of Stisab to at least 4'000 tons. Corresponding measures are being taken.

Movement of Food in Sta Isabel

	<u>April</u>	<u>May</u>	<u>June</u>	<u>July</u>	<u>August</u>
Stock	2'000	2'800	3'400	4'000	4'000
Distributed	1'200	1'400	1'400	1'400	1'400
Receipt	2'000	2'000	2'000	1'400	1'400
Stock at end of month	2'800	3'400	4'000	4'000	4'000

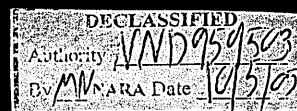
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This plan was drawn up in detail by Mr. B. Frey, Planning Officer, Bureau Nigeria/Biafra.

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Annex 1

STOCK INVENTORY NIGERIA 1st APRIL 1969

	<u>Lagos</u>	<u>Calabar</u>	<u>Enugu</u>	<u>Port Harcourt</u>	<u>Agbor</u>	<u>Total</u>
Cereals	8'051	2'967.7	2'955.4	5'111.7	2'727.2	21'813.0
CSM	3'957	2'139.1	104.3	925.2	511.0	7'636.6
Beans	----	9.1	469.9	104.6	7.0	590.6
Fish	1'830	120	---	19.6	5.-	1'975.-
Milk	287	755.1	326.8	934.8	160.5	2'464.2
Various	2'123	446.7	160.1	221.9	163.0	3'114.7
Total	16'248	6'437.9	4'016.5	7'317.8	3'573.4	37'593.6

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Annex 2

a) MOVEMENT OF COMMODITIES - NIGERIA (LAGOS) April - June 1969

Commodity	Stock 1.April	April Distrib.	Available f.May	May receipt	May distr.	Available f.June
Cereals	21'813	2'500	19'300	----	2'500	16'800
CSM	7'636	2'250	5'400	3'000	2'250	6'150
Beans	590	250	340	----	250	90
Fish	1'974	500	1'470	----	500	970
Milk	2'464	250	2'200	----	250	1'950
H.P. & Misc.	3'115	250	2'860	----	250	2'610
Total	37'590	6'000	31'570	3'000	6'000	28'570

b) MOVEMENT OF FOOD IN NIGERIA (Forward area) MARCH

	<u>Calabar</u>	<u>Enugu</u>	<u>Port Harcourt</u>	<u>Agbor</u>	<u>Total</u>
Stock	5'433	5'374.6	7'115.6	3'463.3	21'386.5
Received	2'633.5	521.3	689.6	467.4	4'311.8
Distrib.	1'625.8	1'877.4	487.4	357.3	4'347.9
Stock 1. April	6'437.9	4'016.5	7'318.8	3'673.4	21'445.6

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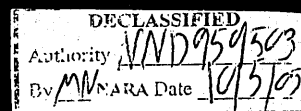
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1. NIGERIAN INFO MEDIA AIRIL 26 FEATURE PRESS CONFERENCE BY INTERNATIONAL MILITARY OBSERVER TEAM AFTER THEIR VISIT TO OZUAKOLI, OVIM, BENDE AND UMUHIA, THE FORMER REBEL CAPITAL WHICH FMG SAID WAS CAPTURED APRIL 22,
2. ACCORDING LOCAL PRESS AND RESIDENT FOREIGN CORRESPONDENTS, TEAM FOUND UMUHIA RELATIVELY UNDAMAGED; NO REPEAT NO DAMAGE TO QUEEN ELIZABETH HOSPITAL (APART FROM ONE MORTAR ROUND WHICH
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HIT GROUND INSIDE COMPOUND). ONLY ABOUT SEVENTY CIVILIANS, MOSTLY NON-IBOS FROM THE RIVERS AND SOUTH-EASTERN STATES, WERE LEFT IN TOWN. OJUKWU'S BUNKER-HEADQUARTERS "COMPLETELY CLEARED OUT," ACCORDING UN REP ON TEAM.

3. OBSERVERS SAID THERE "FEW" PRISONERS, BUT WOULD GIVE NO DETAILS REGARDING THEIR NUMBER OR CONDITION. BETWEEN FIFTY TO ONE HUNDRED REFUGEES REPORTED ARRIVING DAILY IN AFIKPO, HELD BY FMG. MOST ARE NON-IBO MEMBERS EASTERN MINORITY TRIBES. SWEDISH OBSERVER TEAM LEADER SAID RED CROSS RELIEF WORKERS ARE MOVING INTO LIBERATED AREAS NORTH OF UMUAHIA. HE OPINED REBELS SEEM HAVE ADOPTED "NEW POLICY" OF LEAVING LOCAL CIVILIANS BEHIND RATHER THAN EVACUATING THEM. (COMMENT. THIS DOES NOT REPEAT NOT SEEM TO HAVE BEEN CASE IN UMUAHIA ITSELF, HOWEVER.)

4. FOREIGN CORRESPONDENTS HAVE BEEN TOLD THEY CAN PROBABLY VISIT UMUAHIA MIDDLE NEXT WEEK, WHICH SEEMS ADDITIONAL CONFIRMATION FMG CONFIDENT THEY CAN HOLD TOWN.

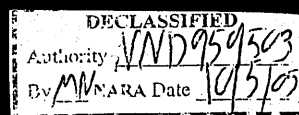
5. AFTER PROLONGED SILENCE ON WAR SITUATION DURING APRIL 24 AND 25, REBEL RADIO TODAY QUOTING BIAFRAN MINISTRY OF DEFENSE TO EFFECT THAT ON APRIL 23 REBELS RETOOK OWERRI, KNOWN TO HAVE BEEN BESEIGED FOR OVER MONTH. SENIOR FMG MILITARY SPOKESMAN, (CHIEF OF STAFF, SUPREME HEADQUARTERS,) LATE 25TH SAID LAGOS HAD NO REPEAT NO INFO THAT OWERRI, TAKEN BY FMG LAST OCTOBER, HAD FALLEN. REUTERS QUOTED SOURCE AS SAYING "UP TO TODAY OUR TROOPS THERE HAVE NOT BEEN WORRIED." (COMMENT. WHILE IT QUITE POSSIBLE NIGERIAN MILITARY IN LAGOS MAY HAVE NO REPEAT NO INFO FROM FIELD ABOUT OWERRI, BELIEF HERE GROWING THAT PROLONGED ENCIRCLEMENT, DAMAGE TO DC-3S USED PARACHUTE SUPPLIES, AND ACCIDENTAL LOSS IL-28 WHICH MAY HAVE BEEN HARRASSING ATTACKERS ALL PROBABLY HAVE CONTRIBUTED TO INCREASINGLY UNTENABLE POSITION OF FEDERALS IN OWERRI. HOWEVER, BIAFRANS HAVE GIVEN NO REPEAT NO DETAILS OF CLAIMED RECAPTURE AND FMG THIS MORNING REPORTED CONSIDERING ISSUING DENIAL OWERRI LOST.

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FM AMEMBASSY LIBREVILLE

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 2520

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C O N F I D E N T I A L LIBREVILLE 421/

ITE SICR-DCDB 21909 (DIA)

SUBJECT: BIAFRAN AIRLIFT

1. PRESUMED ARMS CARRIERS APPEAR HAVE MADE FOLLOWING FLIGHTS SINCE APRIL 19:

CD-4 BBDD EVERY NIGHT APRIL 19-25:

DC-4 TR-LNV NIGHT APRIL 20-21:

LATTER AIRCRAFT DEPARTED LIBREVILLE APRIL 21 OR 22, PASSED THROUGH LIUEVILLE LATE APRIL 24 AND AGAIN APRIL 25, POSSIBLY GOING ON TO BIAFRA WITH CARGO FROM SOMEPLACE OTHER THAN LIBREVILLE.

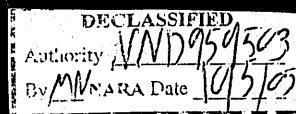
2 FOLLOWING PRESUMED RELIEF FLIGHTS MADE SAME PERIOD:

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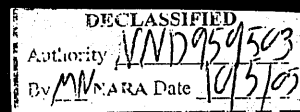
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3. FRENCH AIRFORCE DC-6 64-PK IN MILITARY AREA APRIL 22.
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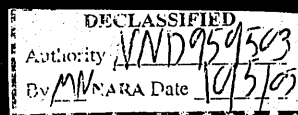
1. MISOFF INFORMED GERBER, ICRC, CONTENTS PARA 2 REFTEL THIS MORNING. GERBER SEEMED REASSURED AND INDICATED THAT ICRC LEGAL OFFICE WOULD APPROVE FLETCHER CONTRACT FOR SIGNATURE MONDAY OR AT LATEST TUESDAY MORNING.

2. IN LINE WITH PARA 3 MISOFF URGED THAT CONTRACT BE SIGNED AND INITIAL PAYMENT BE MADE MONDAY AT LATEST.

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SUBJECT: New Organization for Biafran Relief

1. At press conference in Capitol building Noon April 24, actors Cliff Robertson and Sal Mineo presided over announcement that

"Americans for Biafran Relief" had been organized by Junior Chamber of Commerce, Young Republicans and Young Democrats. Presidents of these three organizations will jointly chair new relief agency which will collect money for American volags now operating from Sao Tome.

2. Meeting was addressed by Senators Kennedy and Pearson and by Congressmen Lukens and Lowenstein. All speakers focused on non-political humanitarian aspect of new organization. Little criticism of present USG policy was voiced and only man to mention FMG (Lukens) did so in moderate tone.

3. Americans for Biafran Relief is planning various publicity projects, including national day of fasting on May 15 when all students will be asked to forego one meal and donate money instead to

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Info:

Biafran relief. FYI: Department understands many prominent film and TV ~~names~~ names scheduled to participate in massive collection effort END FYI. Americans for Biafran Relief includes wide variety of sponsors, from Fulton Lewis III to Senator Pearson. Latter hopes keep organization strictly in relief field.

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SUBJ: DAWSON TRIP

REF: STATE 63684 PH 27-9 B-H

1. EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE BEING INFORMED IN AS MUCH DETAIL AS POSSIBLE PURPOSE AND PLANS DAWSON VISIT SINCE APPEARS FROM REFTEL THAT HE PLANS SPEND UP TO TWO WEEKS IN REBEL-HELD AREAS. REFTEL STATES DAWSON "ARRIVING FROM ULI NIGHT OF APRIL 29 OR 30". WHILE "ARRIVING FROM ULI" MAY BE TELEGRAPHIC GARBLE, IF NOT REPEAT NOT, BELIEVE EMBASSY SHOULD BE KEPT INFORMED IN LIGHT MILITARY SITUATION WHEN OFFICIAL AMERICANS ENTER REBEL-CONTROLLED AREAS. MEANWHILE WOOD LOOKING INTO THE PROBLEM OF C-RATIONS AND WILL COMMUNICATE SEPARATELY.

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INFO: Amembassy LAGOS

STATE JOINT STATE/AID MESSAGE

SUBJ: Joint Agreement - LSM's

REF: Geneva 1277

1. We consider it inappropriate to change the language of the joint LSM Agreement. The language was clear to the parties signing and to those present at the Agreement and appears to answer the questions raised by ICRC in ~~xxf~~ reftel.

2. For further assurances, you may tell ICRC that: (a) the dollars one million advance will be available in the ICRC account by the time the contract is signed; (b) the advance will not be taken out of the "present generous contribution already taken in account and granted" for the announced March, April, May period, nor will it be charged against the as yet unstated U.S. contributions for June or July '69; (c) we feel the language of the Agreement is very reassuring concerning contingencies.

We are in this effort together, and we intend to

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cooperate as fully as possible with the ICRC in assuring the success of the relief effort.

3. FYI - The \$ one million is more than sufficient to cover LSM's and contingencies related thereto but USG of course cannot guarantee overall ICRC budget for Nigeria/Biafra relief. Language in Dewey/Basset Agreement already very generous on the latter point. The contract must be signed without any further delay. Fletcher had committed additional personal funds to procure the cranes requested by ICRC and requires an initial payment NLT April 28. End FYI.

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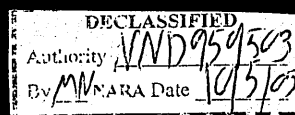
SUBJECT: NIGERIAN RELIEF: BIAFRA

1. UNDER SECRETARY JACOBSEN SAID COPENHAGEN MEETING WITH DR. FERGUSON VERY PRODUCTIVE INDEED AND REITERATED HIS FAVORABLE IMPRESSION OF FERGUSON AND HIS APPROACH. AFTER JACOBSEN HAD LEFT OSLO FOR COPENHAGEN EQUIPPED WITH NORWEGIAN POSITION PAPER UNDERLINING HUMANITARIAN ASPECTS OF NIGERIAN CONFLICT, CABINET DECIDED NORWEGIAN GOVT SHOULD PUSH FOR SOMEWHAT MORE POSITIVE ROLE. THEREFORE IN MEETING ITSELF PRIMIN LYNG SAID NORDIC COUNTRIES SHOULD TAKE AND INITIATIVE IN NIGERIA-BIAFRA CONFLICT.

2. FINAL COMMUNIQUE SAYS NORDICE COUNTRIES PREPARED TO CONSIDER INITIATIVES WITH VIEW TO CONTRIBUTING TO PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT AS SOON AS PRECONDITIONS THEREFOR SHOULD ARISE. IT IS NOT RPT NOT ENTIRELY CLEAR TO FONOFF EXACTLY WHAT HAPPENS NEXT ALTHOUGH A COMMITTEE IS TO BE SET UP TO DISCUSS

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QUESTION. MEMBERS OF COMMITTEE, SAID JACOBSEN SOMEWHAT
WRYLY, WILL PROBABLY CONSIST OF THOSE MEMBERS OF RESPECTIVE
FON OFFICES WHO ARE DISCUSSING QUESTION ALREADY ON VIRTUALLY
DAILY BASIS.

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C O N F I D E N T I A L LAGOS 3654

SUBJ: NIGERIAN RELIEF: DAYLIGHT FLIGHTS

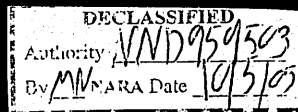
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1. DUTCH AMBASSADOR DISAPPOINTED AT FMG REACTION TO DUTCH DEMARCHE (REFTELS) TALKED WITH NIGERIAN AMBASSADOR TO THE HAGUE (DURLONG) ABOUT MATTER AND ASKED HE SPREAD WORD ON DIASPPOINTMENT TO FMG MINISTRY EXTAFF. DUTCH AMBASSADOR REPORTS DURLONG DID SO AND HAD IMPRESSION FROM PERMSEC BABA GANA AND DEPPERMSEC ENAHORO THAT INTENT WAS NOT REPEAT NOT TO BE NEGATIVE AND DUTCH PROPOSAL: "STILL COMPLETELY OPEN". BABA GANA SUBSEQUENTLY TOLD DUTCH AMBASSADOR HE WOULD SUPPLEMENT ORIGINAL FMG AIDE MEMOIRE IN WRITING STATING THAT NO REPEAT NO "OBJECTION" TO DAYLIGHT FLIGHTS. BABA GANA DID NOT REPEAT NOT LINK THIS OBJECTION WITH RED CROSS FLIGHTS ALONE. WHILE FIRST SAYING THAT PROPOSAL TO REFRAIN FROM SURVEILLANCE FLIGHTS WOULD BE UNACCEPTABLE, WHEN DUTCH AMBASSADOR POINTED OUT THAT THIS WOULD GIVE OUUKWU AN OUT, HE AGREED LOOK INTO MATTER AGAIN WITH MILITARY AUTHORITIES. BABA GANA SAID NO REPEAT NO PROBLEM WITH REFRAINING FROM ATTACKS (ON AIRSTRIPS) WHILE RELIEF FLIGHTS TAKING PLACE.

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FM AMEMBASSY LAGOS

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SUBJ: NEW ORGANIZATION FOR BIAFRAN RELIEF

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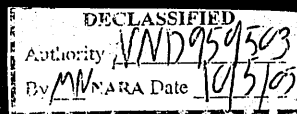
1. IT OCCURS TO US "AMERICANS FOR BIAFRAN RELIEF" MIGHT PRESENT OPPORTUNITY BRING PRESSURE TO BEAR ON OJUKWU IN INTEREST FACILITATING RELIEF EFFORT IN REBEL-HELD AREAS. AT PRESENT, THE MAJOR FACTOR INHIBITING THE DELIVERY OF RELIEF SUPPLIES TO REBEL-HELD AREAS IN THIS CRITICAL PERIOD IS FACT OJUKWU WILL ACCEPT DELIVERY ONLY BY AIR AND AT NIGHT. ONLY REALISTIC POSSIBILITY INCREASING RELIEF TO THIS AREA IS BY INITIATING DAYLIGHT FLIGHTS WHICH FMG HAVE AGREED TO. WOULD IT BE POSSIBLE FOR REPRESENTATIVE LOWENSTEIN AND SENATOR PEARSON TO INJECT INTO EFFORTS OF NEW ORGANIZATION A PLEA FROM THAT ORGANIZATION TO REBELS TO ACCEPT DAYLIGHT FLIGHTS? THIS WOULD BE STEP IN DIRECTION LOWENSTEIN PROMISED FMG HE WOULD TAKE.

2. DIFFICULT TO SEE AT THIS JUNCTION WHEN ALTERNATIVE RELIEF ROUTES SEEM RULED OUT BY OJUKWU STAND HOW NEW ORGANIZATION CAN MAKE EFFECTIVE RELIEF USE OF FUNDS UNLESS RELIEF AIRLIFT CAN BE SUBSTANTIALLY INCREASED THROUGH USE AIRSTRIPS BY DAY. WOULD HOPE, OF COURSE, THAT NEW ORGANIZATION WOULD SET UP CONTROL OVER USE ITS FUNDS SO THAT THEY WILL IN FACT BE SPENT ON RELIEF AND NOT INADVERTANTLY DIVERTED OTHER PURPOSES.

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3. SINCE ABOVE PROPOSAL WOULD SEEM TO US INDIRECT MEANS SUPPORT
FERGUSON EFFORTS PERSUADE OJUKWU MAKE SOME CONCESSIONS, FERGUSON
MAY WISH HIMSELF RAISE POSSIBILITY WITH LOWENSTEIN AND PEARSON.
FURTHERMORE, IF NEW ORGANIZATION WERE TO CALL ON OJUKWU TO
PERMIT DAYLIGHT FLIGHTS, WOULD HELP PUT ONUS FOR BLOCKING
RELIEF EFFORT ON OJUKWU WHERE IT IN FACT LIES.
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AMEMBASSY COPENHAGEN
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C O N F I D E N T I A L THE HAGUE 1574

SUBJ: NIGERIAN RELIEF HAGUE GROUP

REF: (A) COPENHAGEN 1524, (B) HAGUE 1517, (C) STATE 57745

1. AS REPORTED REFTEL (B), MFA PRESSING EMBASSY FOR U.S.-NETH.
BILATERAL TALKS ON SURFACE CORRIDORS AND FOR NEW U.S.
DEMARCHES ON DAYLIGHT FLIGHTS. MFA'S HUYDECOPER ALSO SEEKS
INFORMATION ON NORDIC MEETING, AND FURTHER INFO ON CWS-JCA
MEETING NEW YORK APRIL 11 TO SUPPLEMENT REF. (C).

2. LATEST INSTRUCTIONS (REF. (C)) WERE TO WELCOME DUTCH
DEMARCH ON DAYLIGHT FLIGHTS. SINCE THEN THERE HAVE BEEN
REPORTS THAT SEVERAL HAGUE GROUP MEMBERS, AND PERHAPS ICRC,
CONSIDERED DUTCH DEMARCHES COUNTERPRODUCTIVE. FERGUSON
REPORTEDLY WARNED NORDIC EXPERTS (REF. A) AGAINST INITIATIVES
AT THIS TIME BECAUSE OF DELICATE SITUATION SURROUNDING
NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN ICRC-CHURCH GROUPS AND BIAFRA. IF
SUCH WARNING INCLUDED SUBJECT DAYLIGHT FLIGHTS, BELIEVE
IT IMPORTANT DUTCH BE INFORMED SOONEST.

3. ALSO REQUEST AUTHORITY DRAW ON LAGOS 3600 AND LONDON 3100
IN TALKING WITH HUYDECOPER.

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C O N F I D E N T I A L GENEVA 1303

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1. MILITARY OBSERVERS: IN MEETING TODAY LINDT ASKED FURTHER INFORMATION ON SUBJECT MILITARY OBSERVERS. DISCUSSED REFTEL. LINDT AGREES WITH US VIEWS ON FREE MOVEMENT OF OBSERVERS BUT FEELS, AS WE DO, THAT ICRC NOT IN POSITION TO PROPOSE IT TO FMG.

2. LINDT MENTIONED AGAIN ICRC PLAN FOR ALL RELIEF WORKERS INCLUDING SEVENTH DAY ADVENTISTS TO BE ASSEMBLED IN ONE AREA AT TIME OF EVACUATION (SEE GENEVA 1210). ALSO HE HOPED THAT FMG WOULD DESIGNATE A SPECIAL MILITARY UNIT, TO BE ACCOMPANIED BY A FOREIGN MILITARY OBSERVERS, TO BE PRESENT IN THE EVACUATION ASSEMBLY AREA TO MAKE OR SUPERVISE THE CONTACT BY FMG TROOPS. HE HOPES USG WILL SUPPORT THIS PROPOSAL VIS-A-VIS FMG.

3. LICROSS. IN RESPONSE TO QUERY RE MODE OF ASSISTANCE AT END OF CONFLICT LINDT SAID HE THOUGHT LICROSS WOULD TAKE OVER ONLY GRADUALLY BECAUSE NIGERIAN RED CROSS PARTICULARLY WEAK IN EASTERN AREA. ALSO THOUGHT REHAB COMMISSION UNABLE ASSUME BURDEN.

4. LSM'S: LINDT INQUIRED AS TO USAID ASSURANCES RE ICRC QUERIES REPORTED GENEVA 1277.

5. LINDT WITH GENERAL BERG DEPARTING GENEVA FOR LAGOS SATURDAY AND PLANS CONTINUE TO BIAFRA SUNDAY.
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FOR WOOD FROM DAWSON

1. Would appreciate C-rations or appropriate substitutes, water carriers, etc., for a period up to two weeks in the bush to be sent Cotonou for Dawson who arriving from Uli night of April 29 or 30.
2. Do not expect at this time to be stopping in Lagos. Expect length of stay to be approximately one month with side trips Uli, Fernando Po, Sao Tome.

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SUBJECT: Landing Craft

REFERENCE: A. Lagos 2450
B. Geneva 933

1. Foncon King/Fletcher Geneva to Dewey Washington this date revealed ICRC Geneva still waiting for Estill confirmation on go-ahead for LSM's. Altho Reftel A should have reflected and removed all doubt Estill's recommendation, request immediate reply Reftel B and additionally immediate Estill confirmation to ICRC Geneva that this is what he wants.
2. Ferguson/Freymond conversations promised new activist leadership ICRC which would permit rapid action this and similar agreed upon proposals. Handling LSM issue casts serious doubt this agreement. Geneva should express to Freymond our deep concern this issue in view potential this inaction to undercut effectiveness present Ferguson initiatives, and implication for future dealings with ICRC.

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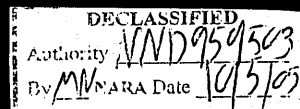
SEVERAL DISCUSSIONS BASED ON ICRC REVISED ESTIMATES OF
FOOD IN COUNTRY, DELIVERIES EXPECTED, AND CURRENT AND
ANTICIPATED FOOD DISTRIBUTION RATES IN FMG HAVE RESULTED
IN FOLLOWING CONSENSUS OF GROUP COMPRISING ICRC, USAID,
UNICEF, CRS AND CWS:

1. DISTRIBUTION OF 5,000 TONS MONTHLY PER MILLION
POPULATION OF IMPORTED AND DOMESTIC FOOD PROPOSED FOR
NEXT 4-MONTH PERIOD.
2. STOCKPILE TO BE REDUCED TO 30,000 TONS.
3. SUB-GROUP, INCLUDING MEDICAL PARTICIPATION, RECOMMENDS:

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FOLLOWING COMMODITY COMPOSITION FOR STOCKPILE AND DISTRIBUTION:
CEREAL 35 PERCENT; CSM/BEANS 40 PERCENT OF WHICH 60 PERCENT CSM,
40 PERCENT BEANS; STOCKFISH 15 PERCENT; MILK 10 PERCENT. THIS
RESULTS IN FOLLOWING BREAKDOWN FOR 30,000 STOCKPILE: CSM/BEANS
12,000; CEREALS 10,500; STOCKFISH 3,500 (REDUCED FROM THEORETICAL
4,500 TO AVOID LONG STORAGE AND RESULTANT RISK OF SPOILAGE);
MILK 3,000.

THIS SCHEDULE PLACES GREATER EMPHASIS ON DISTRIBUTION
OF COMMODITIES CONTAINING PROTEIN THAN CURRENT DISTRI-
BUTION PATTERN. ASSUMPTION MADE THAT INCREASED AGRICULTURAL
PRODUCTION WILL PROVIDE MORE LOCAL CARBOHYDRATES.

4. ALL AGREED ICRC 6-MONTH PLAN NOW UNREALISTIC IN
TERMS DISTRIBUTION RATE IT PROPOSED. WHILE THERE
UNQUESTIONABLY SOME POCKETS OF NEED IN FEDERAL AREA, AND
INCREASED INFLUX OF REFUGEES LIKELY, THIS BALANCED BY FACT
THAT MUCH OF CURRENT DISTRIBUTION IS GOING TO RELATIVELY
STABLE POPULATION IN QUANTITIES CLEARLY ADEQUATE TO MEET
PRESENT NUTRITIONAL NEEDS IN VIEW OTHER LOCAL FOODS
AVAILABLE TO THEM.

5. PREVIOUS STOCKPILE FIGURE 40,000 TONS INCLUDING
REQUIREMENT FOR REBEL AREA CAN BE REDUCED TO 30,000 TONS
IN CONSIDERATION MOUNTING FOOD STOCKS COCONUTS
OFFSHORE ISLANDS. 5,000 TON MONTHLY DRAWDOWN EVEN
WITH 30,000 TON STOCKPILE WOULD REQUIRE SIX MONTHS TO
ROTATE. IMMINENCE RAINY SEASON ANOTHER FACTOR IN
DECISION REDUCE STOCKPILE SINCE IT SUBSTANTIALLY
INCREASES LOGISTICAL PROBLEMS ESPECIALLY IN AREAS
NOT SERVED BY HARD TOP ROADS, AND INCREASES HAZARD
FOOD SPOILAGE SINCE STORAGE WHICH ADEQUATE IN DRY SEASON
MAY BECOME UNUSABLE.

6. REFTEL A GARBLED IN TRANSMISSION AND STILL UN-
SERVICED, BUT HAVE ENDEAVORED ASSESS NEEDS FOR NEW PL-480
IN LIGHT ICRC FIGURES WHICH PUT CURRENT STOCKPILE AT ABOUT
32,000 TONS OF WHICH 5,700 TONS ARE CSM. IN VIEW FACT
THESE FIGURES BELOW PREVIOUS ICRC ESTIMATES, AGREE UNICEF
PROPOSAL SHIP 3,000 TONS CSM FOR ARRIVAL LATE MAY OR EARLY
JUNE, 1,400 TONS EARLY JULY, PLUS 1,200 TONS MONTHLY IN
AUGUST, SEPTEMBER, OCTOBER.

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7. CRS AND CWS REPORT THEIR HOME OFFICES HAVE QUANTITIES RICE AND BEANS READY FOR SHIPMENT BUT WILL NOT SHIP PENDING EARLY DETERMINATION BY SPROWLS/WOOD OF ICRC CAPABILITY FOR STORAGE THESE PL-480 FOODS AT LEVELS BEING PROPOSED. BOTH BEANS AND RICE AVAILABLE LOCALLY AND REGULARLY PURCHASED WITH ICRC FUNDS. MOREOVER, AGENCY GROUP FOOD STUDY BEING POUCHED SHOWS NO ADDITIONAL STOCKPILE REQUIREMENT FOR CEREALS UNTIL SEPTEMBER 1 AFTER WHICH REPLENISHMENT RATE WILL BE 1,750 TONS MONTHLY. STUDY INDICATES REPLENISHMENT BEANS REQUIRED OF 4,500 TONS JULY 1; 800 TONS AUGUST 1; AND 800 TONS SEPT. 1.

8. GENDRON ARRIVING TODAY. WILL CABLE MORE DEFINITE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR PL-480 ITEMS AND QUANTITIES AFTER ASCERTAINING AVAILABILITY FOOD OTHER SOURCES.

9. REFTTEL A, OUR INTENTION WAS TO STATE CSM ARRIVAL LAGOS DESIRED LATE JUNE.

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SUBJ: NIGERIAN RELIEF: REBEL TERRITORY

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1. FMG MILITARY SUCCESSES IN UMUAHIA AREA LEAVE LITTLE PROSPECT THAT CROSS RIVER ROUTE CAN BE USED TO MOVE RELIEF SUPPLIES TO REMAINING REBEL TERRITORY. IT WILL BE VERY DIFFICULT TO FIND ANOTHER PRACTICABLE AND ACCEPTABLE SURFACE ROUTE.

2. ASPECT WHICH ATTRACTED BOTH FMG AND REBELS TO CROSS RIVER ROUTE WAS EXISTENCE WATER BARRIER BETWEEN THEIR RESPECTIVE FORCES AT PROPOSED IKOT OKPORO TRANSFER POINT. SIMILAR WATER BARRIER IS PROVIDED BY NIGER RIVER FROM SOME FIVE MILES SOUTH OF ONITSHA TO NDONI. IF FMG ADVANCES WEST OF UMUAHIA TO IMO RIVER, THIS WILL CREATE ANOTHER WATER BARRIER. IN VIEW MILITARY IMPORTANCE THESE AREAS TO BOTH SIDES HOWEVER AGREEMENT BETWEEN THEM ON TRANSFER POINT OR MODALITIES OF MOVING RELIEF SUPPLIES TO TRANSFER POINT SEEMS IMPROBABLE.

3. THIS EMBASSY BELIEVES AGREEMENT EQUALLY IMPROBABLE ON DUTCH PROPOSED ORASHI RIVER ROUTE TO OGUTA WHICH DOES NOT PROVIDE WATER BARRIER BETWEEN FORCES.

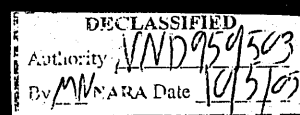
4. AS THERE IS NO REASON TO BELIEVE REBELS WILL ABANDON THEIR FIRM OPPOSITION TO LAND ROUTES, AIRLIFT WILL PROBABLY CONTINUE

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TO BE ONLY WAY OF GETTING RELIEF SUPPLIES INTO REBEL TERRITORY.
KEY TO INCREASED FLOW OF SUPPLIES IS THEREFORE REBEL AGREEMENT
TO DAYLIGHT FLIGHTS.

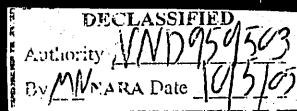
5. BEST ARRANGEMENT WOULD BE AGREEMENT BOTH SIDES TO EXCLUSIVE
DAYLIGHT USE BOTH ULT AND UGA AIRSTRIPS FOR RELIEF FLIGHTS.
TO ALLAY REBEL FEARS RE SECURITY AIRSTRIPS FMG WOULD HAVE TO
MAKE FIRM COMMITMENT THAT NAF WOULD NOT INTERFERE WITH OR ATTEMPT
TO ESCORT RELIEF FLIGHTS. AS COUNTER-ATTRACTION FOR FMG
AND TO DEAL WITH PROBLEM RAISED BY EXTAFFI ENAHORO ON APRIL 21
PAREN PARAGRAPH 10 LAGOS 3458 END PAREN JCA SHOULD BE URGED TO
MOVE BASE FROM SAO TOME TO DOUALA. AHIDUO WOULD PRESUMABLY AGREE
TO THIS IF FMG GAVE ITS BLESSING. I AM BY NO MEANS CONFIDENT
THIS PACKAGE DEAL COULD BE NEGOTIATED BUT SEE NO EASIER ALTER-
NATIVE AT THIS STAGE.

6. IF FMG HOLDS UMUAHIA AND BENDE CROSS RIVER ROUTE WILL
SERVE ONLY AREAS UNDER FMG CONTROL. IN THESE CIRCUMSTANCES
ARIKPO'S CONCERN ABOUT INSPECTION LSM CARGOES PAREN LONDON REFTEL
END PAREN IS OVERTAKEN BY EVENTS. IT WAS OJUKWU'S REFUSAL TO
ACCEPT LAGOS AS SUPPLY BASE THAT REQUIRED CONSIDERATION ALTER-
NATIVES. LSM'S CAN NOW BE LOADED FROM LAGOS STOCKPILE.

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--OVER 283 MILLION CHILDREN HAVE BEEN VACCINATED AGAINST TUBERCULOSIS IN UNICEF-AIDED PROJECTS, INCLUDING OVER 25 MILLION IN 1968.
--I TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO ANNOUNCE TO YOU OUR DECISION TO START A BIG BCG VACCINATION CAMPAIGN IN BIAFRAN HELD TERRITORY. SOME 4 MILLION PEOPLE WILL BE VACCINATED AGAINST TUBERCULOSIS WHICH, ACCORDING TO REPORTS WE RECEIVED, HAS ALREADY STRUCK OVER 50,000 PEOPLE IN THE AREA, AMONG THEM MANY MOTHERS AND CHILDREN.
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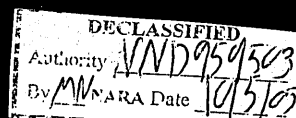
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1. MFA (THUNE-ANDERSEN) TOLD EMB APR 24 THAT NORDIC EXPERTS TALKS APR 21 WITH DR. CLYDE FERGUSON VERY SATISFACTORY AND INFO HE PROVIDED USEFUL. EVEN FINNS WHO EARLIER CONCERNED PRESENCE AMERICAN MIGHT ESTABLISH PRECEDENT OPENING NORDIC MEETINGS TO SOVIET PRESSURE EXPRESSED SATISFACTION, ESPECIALLY AFTER DR. FERGUSON CAUTIONED AGAINST INITIATIVES.

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2. AT MORNING MTG WITH NORDIC EXPERTS CHAIRED BY AMB T.V.A. OLDENBURG, HEAD OF POLITICAL-JURIDICAL DEPT IN DANISH FONMIN, DR. FERGUSON BRIEFED GROUP ON EXPERIENCES IN NIGERIA, NOT ADDING MUCH TO WHAT HE HAD SAID EARLIER IN THE HAGUE. HE WARNED AGAINST INITIATIVES RIGHT NOW BECAUSE OF DELICATE SITUATION SURROUNDING NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN ICRC AND CHURCH GROUPS AND BIAFRA. IN HIS PERSONAL JUDGEMENT, DR. FERGUSON FELT IF THERE WERE APPROACHES, THEY SHOULD RATHER BE ADDRESSED TO OJUKWU NOW; FMG HAD AT LEAST MADE SOME CONCESSIONS.

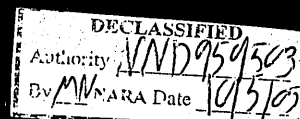
3. AFTER A WORKING LUNCHEON, MTG CONTINUED IN P.M. WITH SWISS AMB LINDT, ICRC NEGOTIATOR AND CHURCH REPS PRESENT. LINDT DID MOST OF TALKING, ALSO BEGGING NORDICS NOT DISTURB DELICATE ATMOSPHERE AROUND NEGOTIATIONS. THERE WAS ACCORDING TO THUNE-ANDERSEN, SOME SLIGHT TONAL DIFFERENCES BETWEEN LINDT AND FERGUSON ON WHAT MIGHT BE DONE, LINDT CONTEMPLATING SOME UNDEFINED INDIRECT POLITICAL ACTIONS BUT WITHOUT ANY PRESENCE EUROPEANS IN AREA WHILE FERGUSON PREFERRED STRESS HUMANITARIAN ASPECTS WHICH MIGHT LATER BE FOLLOWED BY POLITICAL DEVELOPMENTS SUCH AS ARMISTICE. LINDT AND FERGUSON AGREED IMPOSSIBLE IMPOSE "WHITE" SOLUTION ON NIGERIA SO BETTER TO URGE AFRICAN STATES TRY SOLVE PROBLEM. MOST OF CONVERSATION TECHNICAL CONCERNING TYPES AND EXTENT OF AID NEEDED. THUNE-ANDERSEN SAID INFO WOULD PROVE USEFUL.

4. THUNE-ANDERSEN SAID HE PARTICULARLY PLEASED MTG WOULD FU
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#94#8: 8,858-58:3J - 15#9, OF COURSE, THIS WOULD NOT SOLVE NORDIC DOMESTIC PRESSURES. HE ADDED FONMIN HARTLING WAS MUCH IMPRESSED WITH DR. FERGUSON RESULT LATE P.M. MTG WHICH WENT OVER MUCH SAME GROUND.

5. THUNE-ANDERSEN REFERRED TO DUTCH AMG'S APPROACH IN LAGOS AS "BLOWING" PLANS AND HE HOPED IT WOULD NOT UPSET NEGOTIATIONS. LINDT HAD NOT WANTED APPROACH LAGOS UNTIL HE HAD CHECKED WITH BIAFRANS. LINDT WAS GOING LAGOS TODAY APR 24 WITH CHURCH

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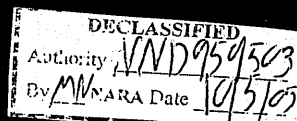
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REPS TO INFORM GMG THAT HE ON HIS WAY TO BIAFRA WHERE
HE WILL TRY OBTAIN PERMISSION FOR DAYLIGHT FLIGHTS. HE
THEN PLANS RETURN TO LAGOS
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1. RELIEF COORDINATOR FERGUSON HAD SEPARATE MEETINGS YESTERDAY (APRIL 22) WITH NIGERIAN COMMISSIONER EXTAFF ARIKPO AND WITH FONOFF'S FOLEY, TEBBIT, WILSON, BARDER AND HEYWARD. HE IS MEETING WITH LORD HUNT THIS MORNING.

2. FERGUSON TOLD ARIKPO THAT HE HAD RECEIVED TEXT OF HIS LETTER AND WOULD SEND DETAILED REPLY IN DUE COURSE. HOWEVER, HE WISHED TO EMPHASIZE HIS FIRM CONVICTION THAT WHATEVER ADJUSTMENTS NEEDED TO BE MADE TO BRING CROSS-RIVER PLAN INTO LINE WITH CHANGING MILITARY SITUATION, HE CONSIDERED IT EXTREMELY IMPORTANT THAT MOMENTUM BE MAINTAINED AND PLAN TO PUT INTO OPERATION AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. THERE WOULD BE IMMEDIATE NEED FOR SUBSTANTIAL RELIEF SUPPLIES IN AREAS BEING BROUGHT UNDER FEDERAL CONTROL. PROBLEMS OF WATER LEVEL AND STATE OF ROAD BETWEEN CALABAR AND IKOT OKPORO HAD BEEN TAKEN INTO CONSIDERATION IN DEVELOPING PLAN AND FERGUSON AND HIS TEAM WERE SURE BOTH PROBLEMS COULD BE HANDLED. FERGUSON COMMENTED THAT FROM FMG STANDPOINT CROSS RIVER PLAN

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WOULD NOT ONLY BRING EMERGENCY RELIEF INTO AREA OF CRITICAL NEED EAST OF IMO RIVER BUT WOULD DO SO WITHOUT MAKING ADDITIONAL LOGISTIC DEMANDS ON COL. SHUWA AND FIRST DIVISION.

2. ARIKPO THANKED FERGUSON FOR HIS EFFORTS AND SAID CHIEF REMAINING PROBLEM APPEARED TO BE FMG INSPECTION OF LSM CARGOES. HE REGRETTED TO SAY THAT FMG COULD NOT AGREE TO INSPECT AT CALABAR DUE TO LACK OF SUITABLE PERSONNEL THERE. ADM. WEY AND NIGERIAN NAVAL COMMAND BELIEVED THAT ONLY FEASIBLE PLACE FOR INSPECTION WAS LAGOS, ALTHOUGH THEY RECOGNIZED THAT LAGOS PORT WAS CONGESTED AND THOUGHT THAT LSM'S COULD PROBABLY BE INSPECTED OUTSIDE HARBOR "WITHIN NIGERIAN TERRITORIAL WATERS".

3. ARIKPO COMMENTED THAT HE UNDERSTOOD FERGUSON WAS CONSIDERING STOCKPILING OF SUPPLIES AT NEIGHBORING PORTS "SUCH AS DOUALA AND VICTORIA." IN VIEW NAVAL OPPOSITION TO INSPECTION OF CARGOES ANYWHERE BUT LAGOS, HE DOUBTED THERE WOULD BE ANY ADVANTAGE TO THIS. FMG HAD RECEIVED REPORTS OF "SPY SHIPS" OFF EASTERN COAST AND ADM WEY WANTED TO GUARD AGAINST DANGER OF "COMMANDO LANDS". FOR THESE REASONS IT WOULD BE UNDESIRABLE FOR RELIEF VESSELS TO OPERATE ALONG THIS SECTION OF COAST.

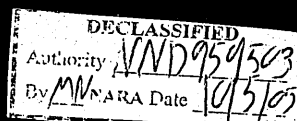
4. FERGUSON EXPRESSED REGRET THAT FMG INSISTED ON INSPECTION AT LAGOS WHICH HE THOUGHT WOULD CAUSE DELAY. HE WOULD CONSIDER ARIKPO'S COMMENTS CAREFULLY AND DISCUSS PROBLEM OF INSPECTION WITH HIS TEAM IN WASHINGTON. IT WAS ENCOURAGING TO SEE THAT FMG CONTINUED TO GIVE HIGH PRIORITY TO RELIEF PROGRAM AND FERGUSON WAS SURE THAT REMAINING PROBLEMS COULD BE RESOLVED SATISFACTORILY AND CROSS RIVER PLAN BE PUT INTO OPERATION WITHOUT UNDUE DELAY. ARIKPO EXPRESSED STRONG HOPE THAT FERGUSON WOULD BE ABLE RETURN LAGOS EARLIEST FOR FURTHER DISCUSSION. FERGUSON SAID HE HAD THIS VERY MUCH IN MIND AND EXPECTED RETURN AFTER CONGRESSIONAL HEARINGS WITHIN WEEK TO TEN DAYS.

5. IN MEETING LATER THAT AFTERNOON WITH MAURICE FOLEY AND STAFF, FERGUSON GAVE THEM DETAILED BRIEFING ON HIS ACTIVITIES AND MENTIONED ARIKPO'S COMMENTS ABOUT NIGERIAN NAVY'S INSISTENCE ON INSPECTION AT LAGOS. FOLEY, WHO WAS EXTREMELY ENTHUSIASTIC ABOUT CROSS RIVER PLAN AND THOUGH FOR VARIETY OF REASONS IT SHOULD BE BASED ON CALABAR, SAID HE KNEW ADM. WEY WELL BOTH FROM RECENT TALKS WITH HIM IN LAGOS AND LONDON AND

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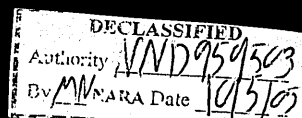
FROM EARLIER ASSOCIATION WHEN FOLEY WAS BRITISH NAVAL MINISTER. FOLEY THOUGHT WEY'S OBJECTIONS COULD BE OVERCOME AND SAID HE WOULD BE GLAD TO HELP SWING WEY AROUND IF FERGUSON WANTED HIM TO PITCH IN. FERGUSON THANKED FOLEY FOR HIS OFFER AND SAID HE WOULD LET HIM KNOW IF IT WAS NEEDED.

6. AT END OF MEETING, FOLEY GAVE FERGUSON COPY OF APRIL 21 MESSAGE FROM YOUDE TO KISSINGER GIVING BRITISH GOVT'S FURTHER THOUGHTS ABOUT PROBLEM OF RELIEF AND REHABILITATION IN WAR AREA. FOLEY SAID COPY OF MESSAGE WAS BEING PASSED TO WHITE HOUSE AND DEPT BY BRITISH EMBASSY, WASHINGTON. ANNENBERG

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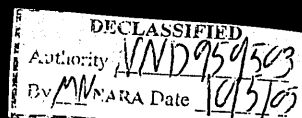
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FOREIGN OFFICE SOURCE SAYS BELGIAN EMBASSIES IN LAGOS, DAR-ES-SALAAM
AND ABIDJAN INSTRUCTED ON APRIL 23 TO MAKE DEMARCHES IN SUPPORT
OF DAYLIGHT FLIGHTS TO BIAFRA. MANFULL

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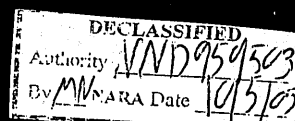
SUBJ: NIGERIAN RELIEF-HAGUE GROUP

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1. IN ACCORDANCE IARA 3: REFTEL, MFA'S HUYDECOPER PROVIDED
EMBASSY APRIL 22: WITH DRAFT MFA PAPER ON SURFACE CORRIDORS,

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WHICH CONCLUDES: (A) MOUTH OF BONNY RIVER MOST SUITABLE AS TRANSSHIPPING POINT, (B) 200 TONS PER DAY COULD BE SHIPPED TO CROSS RIVER USING TWO AVAILABLE LANDING CRAFT, AND (C) AVERAGE OF 300 TONS PER DAY COULD BE DELIVERED AT OGUTA DURING RAINY SEASON BY USE OF 18 BARGES OF 100-120 TON CAPACITY AND 5 TUGS OPERATING ON ORASHI RIVER ROUTE. ORIGINALLY PROPOSED BY UTCH. HUYDECOPER EMPHASIZED THAT THIS IS PRELIMINARY STUDY FOR USE AT PRESENT ONLY IN BILATERAL U.S.-NETHERLANDS TALKS. HE HOPES THIS, TOGETHER WITH U.S. STUDY BY FERGUSON, WILL LEAD TO AGREED PROPOSAL FOR CONSIDERATION BY NEXT MEETING HAGUE GROUP EARLY MAY. FULL TEXT MFA PAPER POUCHED APRIL 23 TO EURVFBX. EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE DEPARTMENT'S VIEWS SOONEST ON CONSULTATIONS PROPOSED BY HUYDECOPER AND ON TIMING NEXT MEETING HAGUE GROUP.

2. HUYDECOPER REPORTED FOLLOWING ON DEMARCHES TO FMG AND BIAFRANS ON DAYLIGHT FLIGHTS. FMG AID MEMOIRE DATED APRIL 15 TO NETH EMBASSY LAGOS (REPORTED LAGOS 3320; FULL TEXT POUCHED EURVFBX) WAS CONSIDERABLE MORE NEGATIVE THAN INITIAL VERBAL REACTION TO DUTCH DEMARCHE MENTIONED REFTEL. NO REACTION YET TO DUTCH DEMARCHES IN ABIDJAN AND DARES SALAAM. BIAFRANS HAVE THIS WEEK SENT

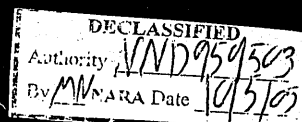
INSTRUCTIONS FOR DEMARCHES IN LAGOS, ADDIS AND ABIDJAN IN SUPPORT DAYLIGHT FLIGHTS. NO OTHER HAGUE GROUP CAPITALS EXCEPT ROME HAVE YET TAKEN ACTION, AND MFA IS CONSIDERING FOLLOW-UP VIA SEVERAL OF ITS EMBASSIES TO ENCOURAGE MORE ACTIVE SUPPORT BY GROUP OF DAYLIGHT FLIGHTS. IN THIS REGARD, HUYDECOPER NOTED (A) THAT IN HANDING OVER AIDE MEMOIRE TO NETH EMBASSY APRIL 15 FMG OFFICIAL INQUIRED VERBALLY AS TO FERGUSON'S VIEWS ON DAYLIGHT FLIGHTS, AND (B) THAT AIDE MEMOIRE ITSELF REFERS TO FMG TALKS WITH

BOTH LOWENSTEIN AND FERGUSON IN TERMS SEPARATE PROPOSALS. HE THOUGHT THIS MIGHT BE SUFFICIENT INDICATION THAT NEW U.S. EFFORT TO RE-EMPHASIZE EXCLUSIVE SUPPORT DAYLIGHT FLIGHTS WOULD BE USEFUL. HE ADDED HE WAS CONSIDERING SUGGESTING ALSO TO ITALIANS THAT DEMARCHE BY THEM IN LAGOS WOULD BE USEFUL IN ADDITION TO THEIR EFFORTS PRESS BIAFRANS.

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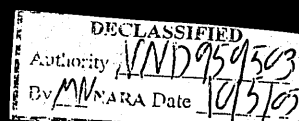
3. REI CONCERN EXPRESSED IN SOME CAPITALS THAT DUTCH DEMARCHE EXCEEDED TERMS OF HAGUE GROUP AGREEMENT, HUYDECOPER CLAIMED DEMARCHE NOT MADE "ON BEHALF" HAGUE GROUP GOVERNMENTS BUT IN TERMS OF A LOGICAL OUTGROWTH OF DELIBERATIONS AT GROUP'S LAST MEETING. (COMMENT: EVEN THIS SOMEWHAT EXCEEDS CONSENSUS AT MARCH 31 MEETING.)

4. REI LINDT'S RECENT EFFORTS ON BEHALF DAYLIGHT FLIGHTS, HUYDECOPER APPARENTLY HAS LITTLE INFORMATION. HE THOUGH LINDT WOULD BRIEF FERGUSON FULLY APRIL 23-24 IN MARGIN NORDIC FONMIN'S MEETING. GPB: SOHM

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C O N F I D E N T I A L ROME 2430

SUBJECT: NIGERIAN RELIEF

1. FOREIGN MINISTRY'S DIRECTOR AFRICAN AFFAIRS CROVETTO TOLD EMOFF APRIL 23 MINISTRY CONTINUING RESIST PARLIAMENTARY PRESSURE FOR POLITICAL INITIATIVE ON BIAFRA PROBLEM, SOLUTION OF WHICH COULD IN GOI VIEW ONLY BE FOUND IN NIGERIAN AND AFRICAN FRAMEWORK.

2. HOWEVER, HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO BIAFRA CONTINUING. NEW ITALIAN RED CROSS MISSION BEING SENT, 12 CRIPPLED SOLDIERS ACCEPTED FOR ORTHOPEDIC TREATMENT, AND NEW SPENDING AUTHORITY FOR 500 MILLION LIRE (\$800,000) BEING SOUGHT FROM TREASURY. PART OF THESE FUNDS WOULD BE GIVEN ICRC AND PART HELD IN RESERVE FOR POSSIBLE USE IN CONNECTION LUNS PLAN, ABOUT WHICH ITALIANS ARE SKEPTICAL.

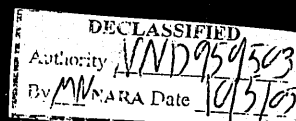
3. ACCORDING CROVETTO NIGERIAN AGREEMENT TO DAYLIGHT FLIGHTS TO ULI SHOULD BE ASSUMED AND NOT SOUGHT. BIAFRAN AGREEMENT LESS CERTAIN, AND THE FOURAFRICAN GOVERNMENTS APPROACHED BY ITALIANS WERE NON-COMMITTAL, THOUGH NOT DISCOURAGING IN THEIR RESPONSES. CROVETTO SAID HE THOUGHT NEW SURFACE CORRIDOR UNREALISTIC.

4. MEMCON ON DEBRE-NENNI TALK ON BIAFRA NOT YET AVAILABLE,

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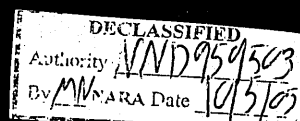
THOUGH WE HAD EARLIER BEEN TOLD NOTHING NEW DEVELOPED.

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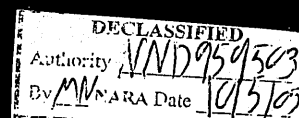
SUBJ: NIGERIA-BIAFRA RELIEF-LSMS.

1. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF TELEGRAM RECEIVED BY MISSION FROM ICRC TODAY: QUOTE RE PROPOSED JOINT AGREEMENT BETWEEN ICRC/FLETCHER. YOUR OFFER OF 2 LSM INVOLVES FINANCIAL ASPECTS WHICH MUST BE CLEARED FOR OUR LEGAL DEPARTMENT ON THE FOLLOWING POINTS. PRIMO THE US GOVERNMENT ADVANCE FOR THIS PURPOSE OF ONE MILLION US DOLLARS TO BE PAID ICRC ON SIGNING OF CONTRACT AND TO BE ACCOUNTED FOR NOT BEFORE END OF 6 MONTHS PLAN AT NEXT AUGUST 1969. SECUNDO THE ADDITIONAL AMOUNT ADVANCED BY THE US GOVERNMENT FOR THIS PURPOSE MUST NOT IN ANY WAY INFLUENCE THE PRESENT GENEROUS CONTRIBUTION ALREADY TAKEN IN ACCOUNT AND GRANTED. TERTIO ANY AMOUNT SURPASSING PRESENT BUDGET PLANS WOULD BE GUARANTEED BY US GOVT AS WELL TO COVER ANY UNFORESEEN CONTINGENCIES RESULTING FROM PROPOSED AGREEMENT. WE WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR SERIOUS CONSIDERATION AND PLEASE CONFIRM. END QUOTE.

2. SINCE SCHAEGLER ACCOMPANYING LINDT TO BASEL AND BONN, MISOFFS DISCUSSED MESSAGE WITH GERBER OF SCHAEGLER'S STAFF DRAWING ON TEXT OF BASSET/DEWEY AGREEMENT TRANSMITTED GENEVA'S 1190 AND SUBSTANCE DEWEY'S DISCUSSIONS WITH LINDT AND BASSET LEADING TO SIGNATURE OF AGREEMENT.

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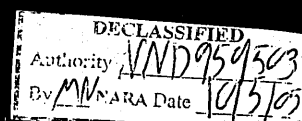
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3. RE POINT ONE MISOFFS RECALLED DEWEY'S ADVICE TO BASSET THAT ONE MILLION DOLLAR ADVANCE WOULD BE CREDITED ASAP TO ICRC ACCOUNT.
4. RE POINT TWO MISOFFS STATED THAT CONDITIONAL LANGUAGE OF LAST PARA OF AGREEMENT COULD NOT BE EQUATED WITH STRONG, FLAT STATEMENT THAT "ADDITIONAL AMOUNT ADVANCED...MUST NOT IN ANY WAY INFLUENCE THE PRESENT GENEROUS CONTRIBUTION..." BUT THAT LAST SENTENCE OF AGREEMENT WAS CLEARLY AND POSITIVELY RESPONSIVE TO ICRC CONCERNS EVIDENCED IN POINTS TWO AND THREE.
5. REQUEST ADVICE WHETHER WE CAN NOTIFY ICRC OF USG AGREEMENT TO LANGUAGE THEIR MESSAGE, OR PROPOSE ALTERNATIVE LANGUAGE.
6. MISOFFS ALSO OBTAINED ICRC RESPONSE TO QUERIES IN FLETCHER'S LETTER OF APRIL 7.
7. ICRC WILL NOT PROVIDE VEHICLE. ASSUME FMG PERMISSION REQUIRED TO IMPORT AND EXPORT FLETCHER'S OWN VEHICLE.
8. RADIO OPERATION REQUIRED FMG PERMIT.
9. FLETCHER SHOULD HAVE OWN OFFICE.
10. SUGGEST PAINTING INSIGNIA IN LAGOS.
11. ICRC CANNOT ASSIST RE PASSPORTS AND TRAVEL PERMITS.
12. INFO RE CONTRABAND SHOULD BE OBTAINED FROM FMG CUSTOMS AUTHORITIES.
- LB13. ICRC UNABLE PROVIDE INFO REGARDING IMPORT OF OFFICE SUPPLIES, TYPEWRITERS, ETC.
14. ELECTRIC CURRENT INFORMATION SHOULD BE OBTAINED IN LAGOS.
15. GERBER'S ANSWER UNCLEAR RE OPERATION AS AGENTS. IN RESPONSE TO QUERY GERBER SAID ICRC WOULD EXPECT ONLY TO INSTRUCT SHIP'S MASTER TO TAKE CARGO FROM ONE POINT TO ANOTHER, INCLUDING LOADING AND UNLOADING, AND LEAVE EXECUTION TO MASTER. TUBBY

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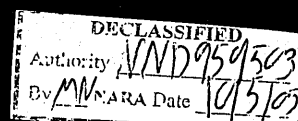
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1. IN MEETING WITH TACIER TODAY, WE CONVEYED VIEWS
REFTELS. ON NEED FOR RAPID MOVEMENT RELIEF SUPPLIES TO
NEW FMG CONTROLLED AREAS. TACIER SAID ICRC DELEGATION
TOLD BY FMG THAT FOR SECURITY REASONS, 4-5 WEEK
INTERVAL NECESSARY TO ASSURE FMG CONTROL BEFORE ICRC
DELEGATIONS CAN ENTER AREA. TACIER AGREED PASS USG
VIEWS PROPER ICRC OFFICIALS HERE AND IN LAGOS.

2. TACIER SAID LINDT PLANNED LEAVE SUNDAY FOR BIAFRA
TO MEET OJUKWU MONDAY.
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INFO AMEMBASSY LAGOS

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1. RECEIVED TODAY FROM ICRC FOLLOWING TELEGRAM: QTE
WE NOTICE CONTRACT SHARRAR SINCLAIR OWEN RUBIN IN LAGOS
END 17 MAY. PLEASE ADVISE IF YOU CAN REPLACE OR NOT.
SIGNED WATTEVILLE UNQTE.

2. PLEASE ADVISE.

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INFO AMEMBASSY THE HAGUE

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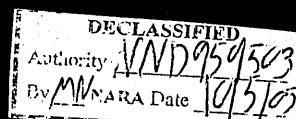
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1. FED POL DEPT OFFICER COMPETENT NIGERIAN RELIEF MATTERS:
STATES SWISS HAVE NOT RPT NOT YET CONSIDERED TAKING ANY
ACTION SUPPORT ICRC EFFORTS OBTAIN APPROVAL FOR DAYLIGHT
FLIGHTS TO ULI. IN FIRST PLACE, SWISS WERE NOT RPT NOT
SURE WHETHER ANY ACTION WAS EXPECTED OF THEM OR WHETHER THEY
WERE ONLY OBSERVERS AT HAGUE GROUP MEETING. SECONDLY, THEY
HAD IMPRESSION THAT GOVTS WOULD ACT TO SUPPORT ICRC EFFORTS
ONLY AFTER ICRC GAVE GREEN LIGHT. THEY WERE THEREFORE SOME-
WHAT SURPRISED (AND HAD IMPRESSION ICRC ALSO SURPRISED) WHEN
THEY LEARNED DUTCH HAD ALREADY MADE APPROACHES.

2. FPD OFFICER PROMISED INFORM EMBASSY IF AND WHEN SWISS
DECIDED ACT IN SUPPORT ICRC. GR-3.
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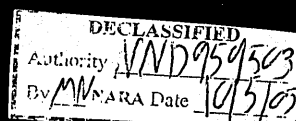
SUBJECT: NIGERIAN RELIEF

1. EMBOFF DISCUSSED "LUNS PLAN" GROUP WITH LANNOD, SUB-SAHARAN AFFAIRS, FONOFF, WHO REPRESENTED GOB AT PAST GROUP MEETINGS AND PLANS ATTEND MARCH 31 SESSION.
2. ACCORDING TO LANNOD (PROTECT), QUEEN JULIANA DURING HER STATE VISIT TO ADDIS ABABA HAD BEEN INSPIRED BY EMPEROR HAILEISELASSIE TO LAUNCH MAJOR EFFORT FOR BIAFRA RELIEF. THE QUEEN HAD PRESSED LUNS TO UNDERTAKE THIS EFFORT WHICH HE HAS DONE OBEDIENTLY WHILE REMAINING LESS THAN FULLY CONVINCED OF EITHER THE ADVISABILITY OR EFFICACY OF PROJECT.
3. LANNOD SAID THE LUNS GROUP PROCEEDINGS HAVE BEEN BECOMING MORE AND MORE COMPLICATED, FOR EXAMPLE, ICRC

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INSISTENCE UPON OBTAINING PRIOR AGGEEEMENT FROM NIGERIAN AND BIAFRAN AUTHORITIES BEFORE THE LUNS PLAN GROUP MADE A FINAL DETERMINATION ON NEW SUPPLY ROUTES OR PROCEDURES HAD IRRITATED EVEN THE MOST CAUTIOUS GROUP MEMBERS. LANNOD SAID THAT THE ICRC HAD DISPLAYED SUCH "EXTREME BRUDENCE" IT HAD GIVEN NO RPT NO INDICATION OF APPRECIATING THE CURRENT EMERGENCY SITUATION AND NEED TO PROVIDE RELIEF ON AN URGENT BASIS.

4. AS FOR THE OBILAGO AIRPORT PROPOSAL, LANNOD BELIEVED THAT BIAFRAN AUTHORITIES WOULD NOT FIND IT ACCEPTABLE ON MILITARY GROUNDS. HE SAID THAT BIAFRANS SUSPECTED THE OBILAGO PROPOSAL BECAUSE A ROAD CONNECTION TO BIAFRAN-HELD TERRITORY WAS INVOLVED. THEY FEARED THAT NIGERIAN ARMORED COGUMNS WOULD TAKE MILITARY ADVANTAGE IF THE BIAFRANS CEASED INTERDICTION OF THE ROAD TO PERMIT MOVEMENT OF FOODSTUFFS.

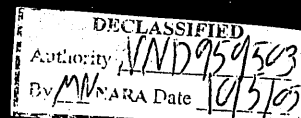
5. CONCERNING PLANNED BELGIAN CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE LUNS EFFORT, LANNOD SAID IN CONFIDENCE THAT THE FOREIGN MINISTRY WAS ABOUT READY TO RECOMMEND CABINET APPROVAL OF A FB 5,000,000 (US\$100,000) CONTRIBUTION IN CASH. IN ADDITION, AS AN INDUCEMENT TO SHIP FOODSTUFFS THROUGH ITS PORT FACILITIES, THE MUNICIPALITY OF ANTWERP PLANS TO PROVIDE THE ICRC WITH A DEPOT OF 30-40 THOUSAND SQUARE METERS CAPACITY FOR HANDLING AND TEMPORARY STORAGE OF FOODSTUFFS.

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1. IN MEETING WITH AMMAN, WE INFORMED HIM CONTENTS:
REFTEL.
2. AMMAN SAYS MEASLES CAMPAIGN HALTED BECAUSE OF SEASONAL
CHANGES BUT EXPECTS TO COMPLETE SMALLPOX PROGRAM.
REGARDING TB PROGRAM, AMMAN WILL PREPARE BUDGET BY NEXT
WEEK AT WHICH TIME HE WILL ADVISE HOW ICRC THINKS WE CAN
HELP.
3. ON INQUIRY ABOUT ARRIVAL INFLATABLE WAREHOUSES IN
NIGERIA, ICRC EXPECTS SEND ONE THIS WEEK AND TWO NEXT,
BY CHARTERED PLANE.
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INFO AMEMBASSY LAGOS

UNCLAS GENEVA 1256

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1. IN REGARD PARA 4 AND 5 REFTEL, GENDRONI UNABLE
RESPOND UNTIL HIS ARRIVAL LAGOS ON APRIL 24.

2. RESPONSE PARA 6 MADE IN GENDRONI'S TELEGRAM TO
UNICEF NEW YORK AS FOLLOWS: QTE

NIGBI 238 KENNY ONLY QUANTITIES OF PL-480 REQUESTED BY
GEISSEL AS FOLLOWS: FROM UNICEF 1300 TONS CSM ETA THREE
JUNE, FROM CWS 1500 TONS RICE 620 BEANS ONE SHIPMENT
ETA SAO TOME ONE JUNE FROM DRS 500 TONS ETA TEN MAY 1000
TONS SIX JUNE 500 TWENTYFIVE JUNE 100 FIFTEEN AUGUST ALL
RICE. PLEASE COMMUNICATE USAID TO ENSURE NO OTHER SHIP-
MENTS AND ENDEAVOR THAT ETA DATES BE RESPECTED.
CWS SHIPMENT AND FIRST CRS PRESUMABLY AT SEA. INFORM ME
NAME VESSEL AND IF THIS INCLUDES PART QUANTITIES TENTA-
TIVELY LOGGED MY BOOKS ON DEL NORTE. OTHER SUBJECT RUSH
COTONOU B/L DELITA ARGENTINA AND DEL CAMPO FOR
COMMODITIES ORIGINALLY BOOKED FOR LAGOS. UNQTE
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TO SECSTATE WASHDC 6143
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1. UKHC HAS SHOWN US CABLE THEY SENT 18 APRIL TO LONDON DESCRIBING CONVERSATION WITH COL. HAWKINS, OVERSEAS DIRECTOR SCF. HAWKINS WAS REPORTING ON VISIT MADE TO SCF TEAMS AT AFIKVO, AWGU AND UDI. FOLLOWING PARAGRAPHS ARE FROM UKHC TEL:

2. "AT AFIKVO, THE TEAM, FULL OF ENTHUSIASM AND WITH AN EXCELLENT LEADER IN DR. ANNESLEY, REPORT THAT THEY WERE RECEIVING ABOUT 5,000 REFUGEES A DAY COMING NORTH FROM PREVIOUS REBEL-HELD AREAS. THEY WERE FEEDING THEM BUT IT WAS CLEAR THAT THEY WERE IN AS GOOD A CONDITION OR BETTER THAN PEOPLE ANYWHERE ELSE IN AFRICA. AT AWGU THE TEAM WERE BETTER ESTABLISHED THAN PREVIOUSLY AND AT UDI HAWKINS CONSIDERED THAT THE POSITION THERE WAS SO MUCH IMPROVED THAT THE SCF TEAM SHOULD PERHAPS MOVE FORWARD TO OKIGWI, LEAVING THE NIGERIAN RED CROSS TO TAKE OVER THE UDI AREA."

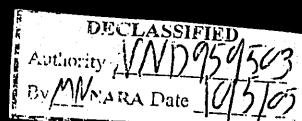
3. "HAWKINS AGREED WITH ICRC RELIEF WORKERS WHOM HE HAD MET THAT THE WHOLE OPERATION HAD NOW REACHED A DIFFICULT STAGE WITH THE EMPHASIS MOVING AWAY FROM RELIEF TO GENERAL REHABILITATION. IN THIS RESPECT HE FELT THAT THE ICRC SEEDLING PROGRAMME WAS OF PARTICULAR VALUE. BUT HE FELT IT IMPORTANT TO REMEMBER THAT IF PRESENT FEEDING PROGRAMME STOPPED SITUATION COULD STILL DETERIORATE RAPIDLY."

GP-3. MATHEWS

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Attention Mrs Mullett
Keep this study together.

April 22, 1969

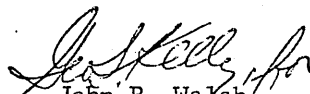
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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. HENRY A. KISSINGER
THE WHITE HOUSE

Subject: Letter to the President from Equatorial
Guinea President Macias

The enclosed letter to the President from President Macias of Equatorial Guinea was apparently received several weeks after its dispatch, and its contents have been overtaken by events. The Government of Equatorial Guinea in March permitted the resumption of ICRC relief flights to Biafra, and these are proceeding normally at present. This subject was covered in the letter of January 26 to President Macias from the Secretary, so no reply to the enclosure is recommended.


John P. Walsh
Acting Executive Secretary

Enclosure:

Letter to the President
from President Macias, with English
translation.

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TO AF - Mr. Alexander

DATE 4/17/69

SUBJECT ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ Ref to S/S fm WH:MOOSE dtd 4/11/69 re Ltr to Pres fm
NGUEMA of Equatorial Guinea re clarifying Equatorial Guinea's position
in regard to International Red Cross Flights to Biafra dtd 1/21/69

Walsh
XXXXX Prepare a ~~Read~~ to Kissinger
memo enclosing or containing:
Draft reply for President's
signature.
Draft reply for signature by

Memo for use as enclosure to reply
by White House.
XXXXXX ~~COMMITTEE~~ Recommendation re reply.
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Comeback copy required for S/S.
Suitable acknowledgment or other
appropriate handling:
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XXXX Refer to White House request of
Mr. Moose of 4/11

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XXXX Due in S/S by APRIL 24, 1969

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2. Direct replies to White House mail must be signed at the Assistant or Acting Assistant Secretary level.
3. Unless otherwise noted, direct replies, depending upon the addressee of the incoming letter, must begin: "The President has asked me to reply" or "Mr. _____ has asked me to reply".
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El Presidente de la República
de Guinea Ecuatorial

Santa Isabel, 21 de enero de 1969.

Mr. RICHARD NIXON,
Presidente de los Estados Unidos de
América.
WASHINGTON D.F.

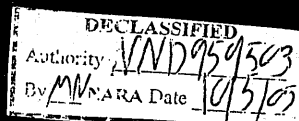
Señor Presidente:

Mi Gobierno desea aclarar su posición respecto de los vuelos de la Cruz Roja Internacional a Biafra y deshacer los equívocos que hayan podido producirse, como consecuencia de una campaña tendenciosa de un sector interesado de la prensa internacional, que ha procurado desfigurar los hechos para soliviantar a la opinión pública.

En primer lugar, quiero hacer constar que tales vuelos no han sido prohibidos con carácter absoluto, ni tampoco suspendidos temporal o indefinidamente. Eso sí, se ha indicado con firmeza a los representantes de la Cruz Roja Internacional que los servicios habrán de ser diurnos y en ningún caso nocturnos, según estaba estipulado, con la finalidad de poder ejercer un control efectivo que salvaguarde la responsabilidad de este Gobierno.

Deseo, por otra parte, dejar bien deslindada la posición política de la República de Guinea Ecuatorial respecto del conflicto armado nigeriano y su actitud humanitaria en favor de los niños, mujeres y ancianos, víctimas inocentes de la conflagración. Precisamente en esta doble consideración están inspiradas las medidas adoptadas, que pretenden conseguir un justo equilibrio de ambas. En efecto, por una

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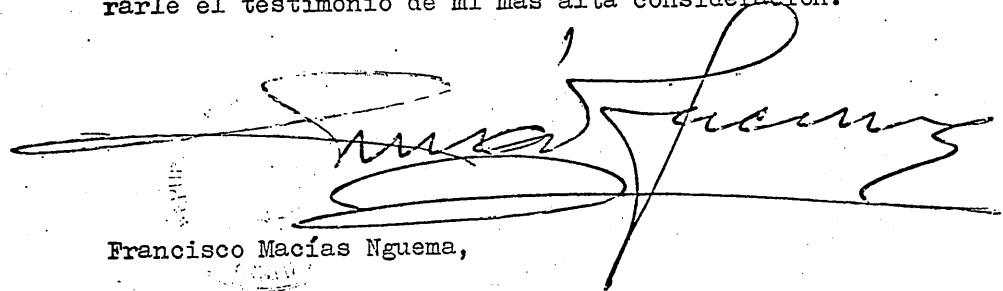




El Presidente de la República
de Guinea Ecuatorial

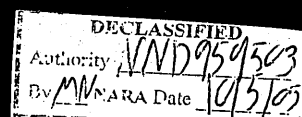
parte mi Gobierno desea permanecer al margen del conflicto, dentro de las directrices de la Organización de la Unidad - Africana, y por ello trata de evitar el riesgo de que con - el pretexto de la ayuda se efectúen eventuales suministros de materiales estratégicos o de valor militar, que sirvan - para prolongar la lucha. Por otra, es también nuestro propó - sito facilitar al máximo la misión humanitaria de la Cruz - Roja Internacional, manteniéndola dentro de sus estrictos - límites caritativos, para el abastecimiento de la población civil que sufre las consecuencias de la guerra.

Aprovecho la ocasión, Señor Presidente, para reite - rarle el testimonio de mi más alta consideración.



Francisco Macías Nguema,

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(TRANSLATION)

LS NO. 9081
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Spanish

The President of the Republic
of Equatorial Guinea

Santa Isabel, January 21, 1969

Mr. Richard Nixon,
President of the
United States of America,
Washington, D.C.

Mr. President:

My Government wishes to clarify its position respecting the International Red Cross flights to Biafra and to dispel any misunderstandings that may have arisen as a result of a tendentious campaign conducted by a sector of the international press that is motivated by self-interest and has sought to distort the facts in order to arouse public opinion.

First of all, I wish to state that such flights have not been absolutely prohibited nor suspended temporarily or indefinitely. It is true that the International Red Cross representative has been firmly told that the flights must be day flights and in no case night flights, as was stipulated, in order to avoid involving the responsibility of this Government.

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Furthermore, I wish to define very clearly the political position of the Republic of Equatorial Africa, with respect to the Nigerian armed conflict and its humanitarian attitude toward the women, children, and aged who are innocent victims of the holocaust. This two-fold consideration has in fact governed the measures adopted, which seek to achieve a fair balance between the two considerations.

On the one hand, my Government wishes to remain outside the conflict; in accordance with the policy of the Organization of African Unity, and, consequently, it is seeking to avoid running the risk of any strategic material or material of military value being supplied, under the pretext of assistance, that will serve to prolong the conflict. On the other, it is also our intention to facilitate, in so far as possible, the humanitarian mission of the International Red Cross, keeping it strictly within its charitable limits, in order to supply the civilians who are suffering the consequences of the war.

Accept, Mr. President, the renewed assurances of my highest consideration.

[Signed] Francisco Macías Nguema

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Relief Coordinator Ferguson departing Copenhagen ~~XXXXXX~~ morning

April 22. Intends one day stop over London for meetings UK officials and Nigerian Extaff Commissioner ~~Arikpo~~ Arikpo now in London. Ferguson deems talk with latter of particular importance in view Reftel. Ferguson intends depart for Washington same ~~at~~ evening since he wishes ~~to~~ return in sufficient time for Congressional Hearing morning April 24. His departure time from Copenhagen is 9:30 A. M. Arrival about 11:00 A. M. Kindly make arrangements ^{meet} ~~for~~ Arikpo and UK officials.

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FOR: U/CF - SCHOTT FROM FERGUSON

SCHEDULE OF APPOINTMENTS WITH ARIKPO, FOLEY AND LORD
HUNT DICTATES DEPARTURE FROM LONDON WED APRIL 23 VIA
PA 107.

DEWEY ARRIVES WASH. TODAY (APRIL 22) FROM LONDON VIA
TWA 709. PLEASE MEET ANNENBERG

*Nigerian Exstaff
Commissioner
now in London as of
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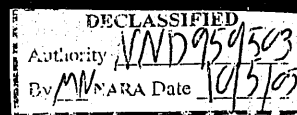
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1. EGGINK, UNICEF, HAS PASSED ON URGENT REQUEST FROM LABOUISSIE FOR INFORMATION AS TO WHAT USG MAY BE DOING TO COMBAT TB IN FMG.
2. QUERY RELATES TO UNICEF INVOLVEMENT IN TB PROGRAM FOR BIAFRA WHICH MAY COME UP LABOUISSIE PRESS CONFERENCE IN GENEVA TOMORROW, 22ND, AT 1430. PRESUMABLY LABOUISSIE WISHES DEMONSTRATE EQUABLE TREATMENT BOTH SIDES.
3. ADVISE ASAP.
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COPENHAGEN FOR FERGUSON AND DEWEY

1. IN MEETING TODAY BASSET AND GERBER INFORMED US THAT FLETCHER CONTRACT IS BEING STUDIED IN DETAIL AND THAT RECOMMENDATIONS RE SIGNING TO BE MADE TOMORROW TO SCHAEGLER, LINDT'S TOP OPERATIONS MAN IN GENEVA. AS SCHAEGLER NOT IN OFFICE WE UNABLE PURSUE FURTHER TODAY.

2. SIMILARLY GERBER WILL GO OVER WITH SCHAEGLER TOMORROW QUESTIONS POSED IN FLETCHER LETTER OF APRIL 7. IT NOT LIKELY WE CAN GET ANSWERS BEFORE WEDNESDAY THE 23RD.

3. YOU MAY WISH MENTION THIS TO LINDT WHO COULD EXPEDITE THESE MATTERS ON HIS RETURN TO GENEVA TOMORROW THE 22ND. TUBBY

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AMEMBASSY OSLO
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AMEMBASSY THE HAGUE

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REF: STATE 057745, THE HAGUE 1262

SUBJECT: NIGERIAN RELIEF - HAGUE GROUP

GOA SYMPATHETIC TOWARD ASSISTING IN ANY USEFUL WAY DAYLIGHT
FLIGHTS INTO BIAFRA. ALTHOUGH AUSTRIAN AMBASSADOR SENT EX-
TENSIVE REPORT ON HAGUE GROUP MEETING IT DID NOT SEEM CLEAR HERE
THAT PARALLEL DEMARCHES ARE EXPECTED. MIN FONI AFFI SKEPTICAL
THAT MUCH CAN BE ACCOMPLISHED. THEY MAY BE WILLING TO AP-
PROACH ADDIS ABABA AFTER MONROVIA MEETING. MACARTHUR

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COPENHAGEN FOR FERGUSON

SUBJ: FMG REPLY TO FERGUSON RELIEF ROUTE PROPOSAL

REF: STATE 056798 *Pol 27-9 Biafra Nigerin*

1. ENAHORO OF EXTAFF TODAY PRESENTED FOLLOWING LETTER TO DCM IN REPLY TO FERGUSON LETTER OF APRIL 15 ON SUBJECT. PLANS FOR CALABAR-CROSS RIVER RELIEF ROUTE. BEGIN TEXT:

2. DEAR PROFESSOR FERGUSON: THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR LETTER OF 15TH APRIL AND FOR THIS FRESH EVIDENCE OF THE VERY CONSIDERABLE THOUGHT YOU HAVE GIVEN TO THE PROBLEM OF FINDING AN ACCEPTABLE ROUTE FOR FACILITATING THE FLOW OF RELIEF TO THE REBEL-HELD AREAS.

3. WE DISCUSSED YOUR PLANS FOR THE CALABAR-CROSS RIVER ROUTE DURING YOUR VISIT TO LAGOS AND I EXPRESSED SOME MISGIVINGS ABOUT ITS FEASIBILITY. FOR ONE THING, I POINTED OUT THAT THE WATER LEVEL IS USUALLY TOO LOW AT THIS TIME OF THE YEAR FOR WATER-BORNE OPERATIONS OF THE TYPE ENVISAGED. FORTUNATELY, BECAUSE THE REINS HAVE STARTED EARLIER THAN USUAL THIS YEAR, I AM TOLD THAT THERE IS GOOD REASON TO EXPECT THAT THE WATER LEVEL WILL BE ADEQUATE.

4. I ALSO MENTIONED THE PROBLEMS THAT WOULD BE CREATED BY

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HEAVY VEHICULAR TRAFFIC USING THE ROAD FROM CALABAR TO IKOT OKPORO. THIS ROAD IS AT PRESENT THE ONLY LINK BETWEEN THE NORTHERN AND COASTAL PARTS OF THE SOUTH-EASTERN STATE AND IT WOULD BE BADLY CHURNED UP AND PROBABLY RENDERED UNSERVICEABLE IF USED BY HEAVY LORRIES TRANSPORTING IMMENSE TONNAGES OF RELIEF GOODS.

5. THE MOST IMPORTANT FACTOR YOU WILL WISH TO CONSIDER NOW IS THE CHANGED SITUATION BROUGHT ABOUT BY THE LATEST FEDERAL OFFENSIVE. YOUR PLAN FOR THE CALABAR-CROSS RIVER ROUTE ENVISAGED A LINK BETWEEN IKOT OKPORO ON THE FEDERAL SIDE AND AROCHUKWU ON THE REBEL SIDE. WITH THE CAPTURE OF BENDE AND THE CONSEQUENT ISOLATION OF AROCHUKWU FROM THE MAIN REBEL TERRITORY, YOU WILL NO DOUBT NOW WISH TO RE-EXAMINE THE WHOLE PROJECT.

6. WHEN YOU HAVE HAD TIME TO GIVE FRESH THOUGHT TO THE MATTER, I WOULD BE GRATEFUL IF YOU COULD LET ME KNOW WHETHER YOU WOULD STILL WANT ME TO SEND A REPRESENTATIVE TO MEET YOU IN WASHINGTON OR WHETHER IT MIGHT NOT BE BETTER IF YOU COULD PAY US ANOTHER VISIT IN LAGOS WHERE OUR EXPERTS WOULD BE AT YOUR DISPOSAL. WITH WARMEST REGARDS, YOURS SINCERELY, OKOI ARIKO, COMMISSIONER FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS. END TEXT.

7. REF PARA 4 ABOVE, DCM POINTED OUT FERGUSON AND HIS STAFF WELL AWARE PROBLEMS OF CALABAR-IKOT OKPORO ROAD DURING RAINY SEASON AND RESULT PRELIMINARY SURVEYS HAD NOT ONLY CONSIDERED ENGINEERING REQUIREMENTS BUT PREPARED TO MOVE ON NECESSARY IMPROVEMENTS ENABLE USE OF ROUTE AT ALL TIMES SHOULD FAVORABLE DECISION BE REACHED ON USE OF ROAD.

8. ENAHORO SUGGESTED PREFERABLE FERGUSON MAKE EARLY VISIT TO LAGOS RATHER THAN FMG REPRESENTATIVE MEETING FERGUSON IN WASHINGTON FOR REEXAMINATION IKOT OKPORO PROJECT "WITH COMPETENT MILITARY OFFICERS AND OTHERS" IN LIGHT PRESENT MILITARY OPERATIONS.

9. ENAHORO INFORMED FERGUSON BRIEFING REPS OF NORDIC GOVTS IN COPENHAGEN TODAY AND TOMORROW.

10. IN REPLY ENAHORO QUESTION ON PRESENT STATUS ICRC/JICA

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THINKING, DCM INDICATED INFORMATION AVAILABLE TO EMBASSY SUGGESTED AGENCIES WERE INTERESTED IN CONCENTRATING ON DAYLIGHT FLIGHTS TO ULI. ENAHORO REPLIED ONLY TROUBLE WITH THIS WAS QUESTION INSPECTION FLIGHTS ORIGINATING SAO TOME. "OAU COULD NOT INSPECT THERE SINCE IT HOSTILE TERRITORY." IMPLICATION CLEARLY WAS THAT OAU ONLY ACCEPTABLE INSPECTION AGENCY FOR SUCH FLIGHTS. HE AGREED THAT WERE THE SAO TOME PLANES TO LAND OBILAGO FIRST FOR INSPECTION, PRE-SUMABLY BY OAU, THERE WOULD BE NO PROBLEM NOR DID THERE SEEM TO BE ANY PROBLEM WITH IDEA ICRC DAYLIGHT FLIGHTS FROM COTONOU AND FERNANDO PO.

11. EMB COMMENT: FMG LETTER APPEARS TO US TO BE AS FORTHCOMING AS POSSIBLE GIVEN THE NEW MILITARY SITUATION. IF FMG FORCES TAKE AND CONTINUE TO HOLD UMUHIA (LATEST INFO INDICATES FIGHTING IN TOWN), USEFULNESS IKOT OKPORO CORRIDOR AS ACCESS ROUTE INTO BIAFRA HAS LARGELY DISSIPATED. ON OTHER HAND ROUTE USEFUL FOR REACHING NEW REFUGEES NOW CUT OFF BY FEDERAL OFFENSIVE. EMB BELIEVES THEREFORE IT HIGHLY DESIRABLE FERGUSON VISIT LAGOS EARLIEST TO DISCUSS THIS AND POSSIBLE ALTERNATIVES.
GP-3 MATHEWS

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FERGUSON ARR COPENHAVEN SUN MORN. EXPECTS TO SEE AMB LINDT
ON MON. APR21 ~~XXX~~ AT ONE PM AS ARRANGED, BUT ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~
WOULD LIKE MTG ~~XX~~ LATE SUN EVE AT HOTEL. PLS INFORM LINDT
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FM USMISSION GENEVA
TO SECSTATE PRIORITY 1045
AMEMBASSY COPENHAGEN

UNCLAS GENEVA 1235

SUBJECT: TRAVEL ITINERARY

1. NEAL ARRIVED 1120 TODAY AND COMMENCING ORIENTATION WITH NIGERIAN RELIEF CONTACTS.

2. REQUEST CANCEL DEWEY'S (TELEPHONE 591-3583) WHITE HOUSE FELLOW SPEAKING ENGAGEMENT FOR APRIL 22. WILL PLAN TO BE BACK FOR ENGAGEMENT ON APRIL 23.

3. DEWEY ETA COPENHAGEN SR402 APRIL 20 1410. PLEASE MEET. TUBBY

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INFO: AMEMBASSY LAGOS

C O N F I D E N T I A L GENEVA 1234

SUBJECT: DISCUSSION WITH LINDT

REF: A. GENEVA 1217
B. STATE 59516

1. DEWEY, LENT MET WITH LINDT AT HIS REQUEST P.M. APRIL 18 TO
DISCUSS FOLLOWING POINTS:

A. C97GS: DEWEY REVIEWED MEETING WITH BALAIR REPRESENTATIVES
DESCRIBED REFTEL A. LINDT CONCURRED HOLD OFF CANNIBALIZATION
FOURTH AIRCRAFT. SAID HE HOPED IT COULD JOIN FLEET AT COTONOU.

B. UNICEF HELICOPTER OPERATION: LINDT ASKED POSSIBILITY RECON-
SIDERATION USG DECISION NOT TO CONTRIBUTE TO COSTS OF OPERATION
WHICH MAY RESULT IN TERMINATION CONTRACT. DEWEY ACKNOWLEDGED
POSSIBLE INCREASED UTILITY OF HELICOPTERS IN VIEW POTENTIAL
RAPID SHIFT MILITARY LINES. DID NOT VIEW THIS AS SIGNIFICANT
ENOUGH A BENEFIT, HOWEVER, TO ALTER STATEAID POSITION ON THIS.
LINDT APPEARED ACCEPT THIS EVALUATION, DID NOT INDICATE INTENT
TO PRESS ISSUE FURTHER.

C. TRANSPORTATION COSTS: LINDT ASKED THAT FORMAL REQUEST BE
RELAYED TO STATEAID FOR REIMBURSEMENT TRANSPORTATION COSTS: US
PLI 480 ALONG LINES USED WITH VOLAGS, AND RETROACTIVE TO TIME
US COMMENCED PAYING THESE COSTS FOR VOLAGS. NO FURTHER DISCUSSION
THIS ISSUE. PROMISED ADVISE RESULTS OUR DETERMINATION.

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2. REF: PARA 3: REFEEL B: LINDT ELATED ACHIEVEMENT FERNANDO PO:
AIRLIFT FOR PREVIOUS NIGHT (APRIL 17, 18). TWELVE TOTAL FLIGHTS
(CARRYING 124 TONS) WERE MADE BY 3 DC7S. ONE AIRCRAFT ESTABLISHED
A RECORD WITH FIVE TRIPS. ICRC NORMALLY ABLE TO FLY DAILY THREE
OUT OF FOUR DC7S STATIONED FPI. RECAP FPI FLIGHTS THIS WEEK FOLLOWS:

APRIL 13/4	8 FLIGHTS
14/5	8 FLIGHTS
15/6	7 FLIGHTS
16/7	2 FLIGHTS
17/8	12 FLIGHTS

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SUBJECT: BIAFRAN AIRLIFT

1. RELATIVELY HEAVY AIRLIFT ACTIVITY PLANES WE BELIEVE ARMS CARRIERS SINCE MARCH 31 COINCIDENTIAL WITH PRESENT FEDERAL OFFENSIVE SEEMED TO SLACKEN PAST FEW DAYS BUT REVIVED AGAIN LAST NIGHT. RELIEF FLIGHT PACE REMAINED ABOUT SAME AS EARLIER IN MONTH.

2. PRESUMED ARMS CARRIERS APPEAR HAVE MADE FOLLOWING FLIGHTS SINCE APRIL 12:

DC-4 TR-LNV NIGHTS APRIL 12-13 AND 18-19

DC-4 F-BDD NIGHT APRIL 18-19

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ONE UNIDENTIFIED AIRCRAFT OBSERVED TAKING OFF MIDNIGHT LAST NIGHT WITHOUT BENEFIT MAIN RUNWAY LIGHTS POSSIBLY THIS SECOND FLIGHT OF NIGHT BY ONE OF THESE ARMS CARRIERS.

3. FOLLOWING RELIEF FLIGHTS APPEAR HAVE BEEN MADE SINCE APRIL 12:

DC-4 F-BRHE NIGHTS APRIL 12-13, 14-15, 17-18, AND 18-19.

DC-6 OO-HEX NIGHTS APRIL 14-15, 17-18, AND 18-19.

4. DAYLIGHT FLIGHTS MADE UNKNOWN DESTINATION BY DC-4 F-BBDD APRIL 14, DC-6 OO-HEX APRIL 16, AND DC-3 F-BRAM APRIL 17. LATTER AIRCRAFT WHICH IS ORDER OF MALTA PLANE, ALSO ABSENT APRIL 15-16.

5. CONSTELLATION TR-LNY, ACTIVE HERE MARCH 31 APRIL 12, NOT SEEN SINCE MORNING APRIL 12.

6. FRENCH AIRFORCE DC-6, LIKE THOSE WHICH HAVE MADE FREQUENT VISITS HERE BUT WHOSE NUMBER WE UNABLE SPOT THIS OCCASION, ONCE AGAIN IN MILITARY AREA THIS MORNING APRIL 19.

7. TWO-TONED GREY DC-3 WITH STRANGE POINTED-NOSE CONFIGURATION BRIGHT ORANGE RUDDER AND BEARING NUMBER 803 ON FUSELAGE (NO OTHER IDENTIFICATION) ARRIVED HERE APRIL 13 WITH THREE EUROPEANS AND 12 AFRICANS. PLANE REGINED HERE ON CIVILIAN SIDE UNTIL SOMETIME AFTER 18:11 APRIL 17.

8. WISH NOTE ONCE MORE IT PROBABLE THERE MORE AIRLIFT ACTIVITY THAN WE ABLE DETECT, ESPECIALLY DURING HOURS DARKNESS.
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AMEMBASSY LUSAKA

C O N F I D E N T I A L LIBREVILLE 390

SUBJECT: BIAFRAN AIRLIFT

REF: LUANDA 147, 4/17/69

1. CONSTELLATION REFTEL MAY BE THAT FORMERLY BEARING
GABONESE REGISTRATION TR-LNY (NOW PAINTED OUT) WHICH
HAS PARTICIPATED BIAFRAN ARMS AIRLIFT VARIOUS PERIODS,
MOST LATELY MARCH 31 - APRIL 12. NOT SEEN HERE SINCE
LATTER DATE.

2. ANOTHER POSSIBILITY IS CONSTELLATION BEARING FRENCH
REGISTRATION F-BANI UNDER WING WHICH WE HAVE SEEN ONCE,
APRIL 4, MAKING AFTERNOON LANDING HERE. COULD HAVE
COME HERE MANY OTHER OCCASIONS WITHOUT OUR KNOWLEDGE.
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AMEMBASSY MONROVIA
AMEMBASSY PARIS

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SUBJECT: BONGO'S COMMENTS ON BIAFRAN CONFLICT

1. FOLLOWING ARE COMMENTS MADE BY BONGO TO AFP APRIL 17,
CONCERNING OAU CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MONROVIA ON BIAFRAN
CONFLICT.

2. "GABON WILL NOT BE REPRESENTED IN MONROVIA. JUST FEW DAYS
AGO, HOWEVER, I RECEIVED FROM PRESIDENT TUBMAN INVITATION
PARTICIPATE THAT MEETING. IT WAS QUITE AWKWARD IN SUCH SHORT
TIME MODIFY ENGAGEMENTS ALREADY MADE. MOREOVER, IT SEEMED WE
INVITED TO CONFERENCE MORE AS OBSERVERS THAN TO EXPRESS OUR POINT
OF VIEW ON NIGERIAN-BIAFRAN DRAMA. I THINK THAT AT MOMENT WHEN
UNDER AUSPICES OF OAU, CHIEFS OF STATE CONCERT IN EFFORT TO WORK
OUT SOLUTION TO CONFLICT WHICH GRIEVES OUR CONTINENT, IT WOULD
HAVE BEEN DESIRABLE FOR GREAT WISE MEN OF AFRICA LIKE PRESIDENTS
HOUPHOUET-BOIGNY, SENGHOR, AND TSIRANANA PARTICIPATE IN THIS
CONFERENCE.

3. " I CAN ONLY HAVE CONFIDENCE IN HIGH POLITICAL SENSE OF
CHIEFS OF STATE MAKING UP OAU CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE BUT I FEAR
THAT ABSENCE GENERAL GOWON AND COL. OJUKWU DOES NOT AUGUR
WELL FOR SUCCESS CONFERENCE. MOREOVER, CURRENT OFFENSIVE CONDUCTED

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BY NIGERIAN FORCES ONLY LEAD ONE BELIEVE LAGOS AUTHORITIES HVE CHOSEN SEEK MILITARY SOLUTION TO CONFLICT BY CRUSHING BIAFRAN TROOPS. I CONFIDENT THAT EVEN IF SUPREMACY OF ARMS PERMITTED SUCH EVOLUTION, ONE CANNOT ANNIHILATE WILL FOR LIBERTY AND INDEPENDENCE OF ENTIRE PEOPLE. WE WILL THEN HAVE, INSTEAD OF OPEN CONFLICT, THE PERSISTENCE OF MURDEROUS GUERILLA WARFARE OVER WHICH IT WILL BE EASIER TO SPREAD HYPOCRITICAL VEIL BUT WHICH WOULDNO LESS DISHONOR OUR CONTINENT.

4. "THERE NO MIRACLE SOLUTION TO THIS DRAMA, BUT IT WELL TO BE REALIST, TO WISH TO OPEN DIALOGUE BETWEEN PARTIES CONCERNED, TO URGE ON THEM TOLERANCE IN ORDER ACHIEVE PEACE ACCEPTABLE TO THE TWO PARTIES WITH RESPECT FOR THEIR DIGNITY AND PARTICULAR CHARACTERISTICS. IT IMPORTANT ABOVE ALL THAT, IN SPIRIT OF CONCLUSIONS KINSHASA OCAM CONFERENCE, WE CONDUCT TO NEGOTIATING TABLE THE TWO PARTIES ACCOMPANIED BY COUNTRIES OF OUR CONTINENT WHICH SUPPORT THEIR CAUSES. FOR THIS, IT IMPORTANT THAT CEASE-FIRE BE ACHIEVED, FREEZING POSITIONS AS OF DAY OF ITS DECLARATION, AND THAT MEASURES BE TAKEN TO ASSURE IT RESPECTED. I DOUBT EFFECTIVENESS OF OTHER FORMULAE AND, AS CONSEQUENCE, IF I TAKE PLEASURE IN RENDERING HOMAGE TO WILL FOR PEACE BEING MANIFESTED, I FEAR THAT THEE INITIATIVES FOR MEETINGS UNDER THE AUSPICES OF OAU ARE UNFORTUNATELY ALREADY BY-PASSED."
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C O N F I D E N T I A L COTONOU 412

SUBJECT: SITUATION IN BIAFRA

1. ICRC REP: OYRSSEN REPORTS RELIEF OPERATIONS NORMAL ULT
NIGHT APRIL 18. OFFLOADING AIRCRAFT AND ONWARD TRANSPORT
RELIEF SUPPLIES MOVING WITHOUT HITCHES.

2. HIS INFO IS: UMUHIA REMAINS IN HANDS BIAFRANS. RESTRICTIONS
ON ENTRY OF NEWSMEN INTO BIAFRA REMAIN IN EFFECT; HOWEVER,
ICRC PERSONNEL ASSIGNED TO BIAFRA NOW PERMITTED TO PROCEED.
THIS CHANGE SINCE REPLACEMENTS FOR ICRC WORKERS LEAVING BIAFRA
HAD NOT BEEN PERMITTED TO GO TO BIAFRA DURING LAST WEEK.
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Congratulations on LSM agreement. We believe it represents significant step forward in strengthening our relations with ICRC. Regarding departure date for LSM's Fletcher wrote April 8 (letter received April 16):

"The estimated ETA in Jacksonville is April 21st - 22nd, depending upon weather.

"I have allowed two days for loading out and final completion of surveys, prior to ocean departure.

Therefore, the scheduled departure from the sea buoy from Jacksonville, Florida, for both vessels, should be approximately April 23rd - 25th, 1969."

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1. Dr. Clyde Ferguson arriving Copenhagen Sunday April 20
Copenhagen
BEA 742 ~~1225xfrom~~ 12:25 PM from London. Departing/Tuesday
April 22 ~~XXXX~~ SK 501 9:30 AM for London, connecting to
TWA 709 for Washington. ~~Please meet and assist.~~
2. Danish Government has reserved ~~xxxx~~ accommodations
Hotel d'Angleterre.
3. Danes have provided following schedule for Monday April 21:
11.00 AM Meeting of Scandinavian experts at Foreign Office;
1.00PM Informal luncheon, including Ambassador Lindt and
representatives Church organizations;
3.00 PM Meeting resumes
5.00 PM Appointment with FonMin Hartling.

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Ferguson still uncertain his availability for
Copenhagen meeting. Therefore we request that you
proceed ASAP to Copenhagen. GOD has reserved rooms
Ferguson party at Hotel d'Angelterre, address Kung's
Ny Danish ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~
Torg. Schedule provides for meeting at ~~Danmark~~
Foreign Ministry with expert group 11 o'clock Monday
morning, with resumption discussions at 3 o'clock and
meeting with Foreign Minister Paul Hartling 5 o'clock.
If Ferguson not able to participate Schott may join
you.

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REF: LAGOS 3375

SUBJ: Joint Church Aid International Meeting
New York April 11

1. Ferguson spent about 1 1/2 hours at JCA meeting, gave briefing and answered questions on findings his Nigerian trip.
2. Confidential off-record CANAIR airstrip discussion went uninterrupted for about four hours. Proposal was rejected. Statement was included in minutes of meeting that majority members present (1) did not wish involve the JCA Sao Tome - Uli air bridge logistics in question of building a separate relief airfield; (2) there would be no objection and members of consortium or other organizations or governments of good will would be encouraged to engage in assistance to Biafra to build the airstrip for humanitarian

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purposes provided it does not involve the JCA Sao Tome - Uli logistics; (3) if a separate humanitarian air strip existed, members would be prepared happily to utilize it for humanitarian purposes.

4. Arguments raised against Canair strip included jeopardy to present airlift and pilots; reduction in ^{relief} flights due to ^{airstrip} third/~~airlift~~ construction; ~~further aggravating FMG~~ financial cost; Government rather than Church responsibility; further aggravation of FMG.

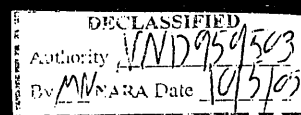
5. In reply to query by Rev. William Aitken, CWS ~~xxx~~ representative Sao Tome, as to what reason ^{he might give} ~~might be given~~ publicly as to turndown CANAIR proposal, it was suggested QUOTE that it was the consensus of the majority that it was not the Church's business to build airstrips. UNQUOTE.

6. Summation discussion relief corridors included following points: all possible should be done by JCA to secure permission for legal day flights in acceptable corridors; need to work together with ICRC, that the two airbridges, ICRC and JCA, should have a joint strategy, working together in approaches to FMG and Biafrans, but if necessary, alone; JCA hope that Ferguson may be near a realistic solution in terms of the real need (land corridor); that there were differences of view among members present on question of financial support but

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all were free to give their support to Canair.

7. ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ Not informed on discussion other items.

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1. Appreciate reftel report of President Houphouet-Boigny's views on Nigerian situation. Department encouraged by his optimism re prospects for finding agreement between two sides at Monrovia. April 17 statement by Department spokesman (septel) indicative of USG's own hope for success of Monrovia conference and importance we attach to earliest possible solution.
2. While not wishing press such suggestions formally, Department concurs generally in line taken with Houphouet reported para 6 reftel. Houphouet may be exaggerating Biafran willingness to take steps he outlined as well as Federal approval of cease fire plan (also embargo?) in return for Biafran agreement to degree of autonomy. Biafra finds acceptable. Should scenario develop, willingness of

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SUBJ: RELIEF PROGRAMS FOR NIGERIA BIAFRA MEASLES/SMALLPOX
CAMPAIGN

REF: GENEVA 1165, STATE 054925

1. ICRC REQUESTS TRANSFER TO ICRC ACCOUNT FIRST NATIONAL CITY
BANK GENEVA \$155,000 OFFERED STATE 054925.
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EMB BEING PRESSED BY SEVERAL LOCAL MISSIONS FOR

INFORMATION ON WHAT TRANSPIRED AT NEW YORK MEETING
CHURCH AND RELIEF GROUPS LAST WEEK. WOULD
APPRECIATE PRIORITY REPORT.
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SUBJ: NIGERIAN RELIEF HAGUE GROUP

REF: STATE 057745

FED POL DEPT OFFICIAL CONCERNED NIGERIAN RELIEF AND
HAGUE GROUP NOT RPT NOT AVAILABLE UNTIL APRIL 29. EMBASSY
WILL INQUIRE ABOUT SWISS PLANS ON THAT DATE AND REPORT.
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C O N F I D E N T I A L STOCKHOLM 1016

SUBJECT: NIGERIAN RELIEF, HAGUE GROUP

REF: STATE 057745

1. GIRON (DEPUTY DIRECTOR, FONOFF POLITICAL AFFAIRS) TOLD EMBOFF APRIL 18 THAT GOS WAS COORDINATING CLOSELY WITH OTHER NORDICS ON QUESTION OF NIGERIA AND THAT SWEDES WOULD TAKE NO SEPARATE ACTION IN ADVANCE OF NORDIC FOREIGN MINISTERS MEETING IN COPENHAGEN. GIRON STATED THAT CONFERENCE COMMUNIQUE, WHICH WOULD PROBABLY BE ISSUED DURING AFTERNOON OF APRIL 24, WOULD DEFINITELY CONTAIN REFERENCE TO NIGERIAN PROBLEM. IN RESPONSE TO EMBOFF QUERY, GIRON SAID IT WAS "POSSIBLE, OF COURSE" THAT COMMUNIQUE MIGHT INCLUDE "APPEAL TO PARTIES" TO SOLVE PROBLEM OF DELIVERY OF HUMANITARIAN SUPPLIES. HE ADDED THAT SPECIFIC REFERENCE MIGHT BE MADE TO QUESTION OF DAY LIGHT FLIGHTS.

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2. WITH REFERENCE TO MARCH 26 HAGUE MEETING, GIRON STATED THAT ALL PARTIES HAD AGREED IT WAS NECESSARY TO ESTABLISH DAYLIGHT FLIGHTS AND THAT AMBASSADOR LINDT WOULD DISCUSS THIS MATTER IN LAGOS WHILE CHURCH GROUP WOULD DISCUSS IT IN BIAFRA. GIRON SAID THAT AT MARCH 26 SESSION HE MADE STATEMTN TO EFFECT THAT GOS "WOULD NOT VERY MUCH LIKE THE IDEA OF MAKING A DEMARCHE" UNTIL IT HEARD RESULTS OF LINDT-CHURCH EFFORT. DUTCH DEMARCHE AFTER EASTER, HE SAID, MAY HAVE BEEN DUE TO "SOME MISUNDERSTANDING". HE OBSERVED, HOWEVER, THAT LINDT WAS "NOT VERY HAPPY ABOUT IT."

3. GIRON SAID HE WAS MOST FAVORABLY IMPRESSED BY AMBASSADOR FERGUSON AS RESULT OF HAGUE MEETING AND WAS LOOKING FORWARD VERY MUCH TO SEEING HIM AGAIN IN COPENHAGEN (WHERE HE WILL ARRIVE APRIL 20).

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C O N F I D E N T I A L L O N D O N (3001)

SUBJ: BRITISH URGE FMG TO FACILITATE WRK OF OBSERVERS

1. FONOFF HAS INSTRUCTED BRITISH HICOMER HUNT TO URGE FMG TO DO ITS UTMOST TO AVOID INJURY TO CIVILIANS, ESPECIALLY RELIEF WORKERS, AS FEDERAL MILITARY FORCES ADVANCE INTO BIAFRAGV HUNT HAS BEEN ASKED TO EMPHASIZE IMPORTANCE OF FMG MAKING IT POSSIBLE FOR FOREIGN MILITARY OBSERVERS TO MOVE FREELY BEHIND FEDERAL LINES. AS BIAFRANS FALL BACK BEHIND IMO RIVER, BRITISH BELIEVE FMG SHOULD DO ITS UTMOST TO DEMONSTRATE THAT REPRISALS ARE NOT BEING TAKEN AGAINST CAPTURED 1805. INTERNATIONAL OBSERVERS CAN PROVIDE SUCH TESTIMONY AND THEIR PRESENCE ALSO CAN ACT AS DE-TERRENT. ACCORDING TO ASST UNDER SECTY TEBBIT, FONOFF IS EQUALLY CONCERNED ABOUT NEED TO MOVE RELIED SUPPLIES PROMPTLY TO AREAS BEING BROUGHT UNDER FEDERAL CONTROL AND BRITISH MAY URGE FMG AND CIRC TO GIVE THIS TOP PRIORITY.

2. TEBBIT HOES THAT US SEES SITUATION IN SAME LIGHT AND WILL FIND OCCASION TO SPEAK ALONG SIMILAR LINES IN LAGOS AND GENEVA. KAISER

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AMEMBASSY VIENNA

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SUBJECT: NIGERIAN RELIEF, HAGUE GROUP.

REF: STATE 057746

1. FOREIGN OFFICE PRESENTLY CONSIDERING WHAT DEMARCHES TO MAKE
IF ANY. FOREIGN OFFICE SOURCE SAYS BIAFRA'S MILITARY SETBACK
MAY AFFECT DECISION. WILL KEEP YOU INFORMED.

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SUBJECT: NIGERIAN RELIEF; HAGUE GROUP,

REF: STATE 057745; STATE 058145

1. HELANIEMI, UNITED NATIONS AFFAIRS SECTION CHIEF, TOLD EMBASSY OFFICER THAT FINNISH GOVERNMENT SYMPATHETIC TO ALL HUMANITARIAN EFFORTS TO AID BIAFRA. HELANIEMI SAID FINNISH RELIEF TO BIAFRA NOW CONDUCTED ONLY THROUGH INTERNATIONAL RED CROSS AND IF FINLAND WERE TO PARTICIPATE IN MORE EXTENSIVE RELIEF PROGRAM IT WOULD HAVE TO BE UNDER UNITED NATIONS AUSPICES.

2. SHORTLY AFTER THIS CONVERSATION, EMBASSY OFFICER INFORMED BY LAITINEN OF POLITICAL DEPARTMENT THAT FINNISH

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GOVERNMENT CONSIDERS INVITATION MADE BY SWEDISH AMBASSADOR IN LAGOS TO DR. CLYDE FERGUSON TO BRIEF NORDIC FOREIGN MINISTERS MEETING IN COPENHAGEN APRIL 23-24 SERIOUS ERROR BECAUSE IT COULD SET PRECEDENT FOR OTHER COUNTRIES TO SEND REPRESENTATIVES TO FUTURE MEETINGS OF NORDIC FOREIGN MINISTERS. LAITINEN SAID FINNISH GOVERNMENT APPREHENSIVE SOVIETS MIGHT TAKE ADVANTAGE OF PRECEDENT TO SEND REPRESENTATIVE TO GIVE SOVIET VIEWS ON ANY SUBJECT FROM EUROPEAN SECURITY TO NORDEC WHENEVER NORDIC FOREIGN MINISTERS MEET IN FUTURE.

3. AS RESULT FINNISH OBJECTIONS, DANES WITHOUT CONSULTING FINNS WENT AHEAD WITH COMPROMISE PLAN WHICH PROVIDES FOR FERGUSON TO PARTICIPATE IN WORKING SESSION OF SCANDINAVIAN EXPERTS MEETING JUST BEFORE FOREIGN MINISTERS MEETING. FINNS ALSO ANNOYED THAT THEY WERE NOT CONSULTED BEFORE COMPROMISE WAS MADE.

4. FINNS CONSIDERED NOT ATTENDING THIS SCANDINAVIAN EXPERTS MEETING ON GROUND DANISH COMPROMISE WOULD NOT SUFFICIENTLY DISASSOCIATE THE TWO MEETINGS. LAITINEN SAID THAT FINNS FINALLY DECIDED THEY WOULD ATTEND SCANDINAVIAN EXPERTS MEETING IN COPENHAGEN BUT ONLY "TO RECEIVE INFORMATION AND NOT TO TAKE PART IN DISCUSSIONS".

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SUBJECT: ICRC C-97 AIRLIFT.

1. FOLLOWING ARE HIGHLIGHTS DEWEY DISCUSSION THIS DATE WITH
BALAIR OFFICIALS GRESSBACH, HERZOG, WYATT IN BASEL.

2. REFERENCE C-97 OPERATION COTONOU, BELAIR NOW CONFIDENT TECH-
NICAL ABILITY TO MAINTAIN AIRCRAFT. AFTER INITIAL SETBACKS,
PRINCIPALLY FOR ENGINE FAILURES, OPERATION NOW APPEARS VIABLE.
THIS DUE TO A) ESTABLISHMENT COMMERCIAL CONTACTS FOR EMERGENCY
PARTS REQUIRED, B) PROVEN ABILITY CONTRACTOR (ISRAEL AIRCRAFT
INDUSTRY) TO MAINTAIN AIRCRAFT COTONOU, PROVIDE OVERHAUL BASE
TEL AVIV, C) LOGISTIC AIRBRIDGE SUPPLYING COTONOU BY BALAIR
FLIGHTS ENROUTE BASEL TO JAHANNESBURG, D) ESTABLISHMENT 115/145
FUEL RESUPPLY VIA TANKER FROM LAGOS, E) EXCELLENT MORALE, DIS-
CIPLINE U.S. CREWS, CREWS, ORIGINALLY PROCURED THROUGH FLIGHT
TEST RESEARCH ASSISTANCE NOW AVAILABLE THROUGH DIRECT CONTACTS
INTERESTED U.S. NATIONAL GUARDSMEN AND BALAIR, F) FAVORABLE COSTS.
ESTIMATE BREAK EVEN WITH DC-6 COSTS PER TONS AFTER EIGHT MONTHS
OPERATION. DISREGARDING COSTS DUE INITIAL INVESTMENTS, DELAYS
(FERRYING, ORGANIZING, WAITING FOR 115/145 FUEL AND TARMAS
PREPARATION WHICH ACCOUNTED FOR APPROXIMATELY DOLLARS 350,000 IN
ICRC BUDGET). C-97 COSTS PER KG NOW 18 CENTS VERSUS 24 CENTS PER
KG FOR DC-6.

3. DIFFICULTIES CENTERED IMMEDIATE REQUIREMENT CHANGE FIVE EN-
GINES WITH GREATER THAN 1,000 HOURS TIME. (1,000 VERSUS 1,500

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HOURS TIME BETWEEN OVERHAUL RECOMMENDED BY BALAIR DUE ENGINE FAILURE EXPERIENCE). ONLY FOUR USAF SUPPLIED BARE ENGINES IN PIPELINE TO ACCOMPLISH CHANGE. BUILDUP ENGINES FOR INSTALLATION TO REQUIRE APPROXIMATELY TWO WEEKS FOLLOWING IMMINENT ARRIVAL THESE ENGINES TEL AVIV. ENGINE OVERHAUL NOT CONTEMPLATED TO COSTS (PERHAPS AS HIGH AS DOLLARS 40,000 PER ENGINE) AND TIME (APPROXIMATELY TWO AND A HALF MONTHS).

4. BALAIR ALSO CONTEMPLATING CANNIBALIZING FOURTH C-97 AFTER FERRY FLIGHT TO TEL AVIV. THIS TO BE CAREFULLY CONTROLLED TO PERMIT REBUILD IF REQUIRED TO FLY AGAIN. MAIN ADVANTAGE CANNIBALIZING BALAIR VIEW IS RELATIVELY INEXPENSIVE SOURCE OF FOUR ENGINES, WITH REALIZATION OTHER PARTS LESS IMPORTANT. DEWEY ASKED FOR DELAY IN CANNIBALIZATION (AND TEL AVIV IMMEDIATELY ADVISED TO POSTPONE ACTION) UNTIL USAF COULD MAKE IMMEDIATE REASSESSMENT ABILITY TO FURNISH ADDITIONAL ENGINES. ESTIMATE STOCKAGE REQUIREMENTS WOULD BE FOUR ENGINES TEL AVIV PLUS ONE RIGHT HAND AND ONE LEFT HAND ENGINE IN COTONOU FOR EMERGENCY INSTALLATION.

5. BALAIR ALREADY AWARE JCA REQUESTS TWO ADDITIONAL C-97'S. IF FURNISHED JCA GRESBACH STATED BALAIR WOULD PROBABLY ADVISE ICRC TO REQUEST LIKE NUMBER IF PURCHASE PRICE WERE COMPARABLE INITIAL PURCHASE AND PART SUPPORT, PARTICULARLY ENGINES, COULD BE GUARANTEED.

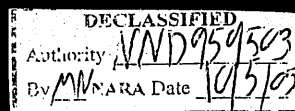
6. DISCUSSION HIGHLIGHTED IMPORTANCE RADAR EQUIPMENT. INVOLVEMENT FOR EITHER AVOIDANCE GROUND MAPPING IN AVOIDING ANTI-AIRCRAFT SHIPS AND NAVIGATING ACROSS NIGER DELTA TO ULI. THOUGH INITIALLY REPORTED NOT AVAILABLE U.S. SOURCES TODAY NOTIFIED BALAIR OF AVAILABILITY RADAR EQUIPMENT FROM EXCESS STOCKS.

7. C-97 LOGISTICS SUITABLE NOW ENHANCED BY INSTALLATION ROLLER CONVEYORS PERMITTING MORE RAPID DISCHARGE TO TRUCKS AT ULI, LESS DAMAGE TO CARGO. TUBBY

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1. Ferguson still planning attend meetings Copenhagen and is anxious see Lindt. Ferguson will arrive Copenhagen Sunday afternoon and depart Tuesday morning. Hopefully Lindt will be available outside formal program for more private conversations.
2. You should plan to remain Geneva thru Saturday in case circumstances force change Ferguson's plans. Otherwise we will expect you back Monday morning.
3. Ferguson requests that you consult with Lindt and ICRC regarding status of airlift from Fernando Poo and report telegraphically.

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1. There follows draft text of statement Dept would propose its press spokesman would make at noon briefing April 17: QUOTE
- The Consultative Committee on Nigeria of the Organization of African Unity opens an important meeting today in Monrovia, Liberia. The Nigerian civil war is now in its 22nd month and has caused untold suffering for civilians on both sides. The American people and the US Government have indicated their great concern about this suffering and have contributed generously to the relief effort on both sides. It is our fervent hope that the distinguished heads of state who make up the Committee, under the chairmanship at this meeting of President Tubman, will make progress in bringing about a peaceful settlement and an increased flow of relief to the needy. UNQUOTE
2. Please confirm asap whether President Tubman will chair conference and give your comment on proposed statement.

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SUBJECT: LANDING CRAFT AGREEMENT

1. AGREEMENT REACHED ON LANDING CRAFT ISSUE THIS A.M. IN MEETING WITH LINDT, BASSET, LENT AND DEWEY. COMPLETE TEXT OF AGREEMENT FOLLOWS: QUOTE: JOINT AGREEMENT - LANDING CRAFT. IT IS AGREED THAT THE ICRC WILL CONTRACT WITH MR. EDWIN H. FLETCHER FOR THE SERVICES OF TWO LSM LANDING CRAFT. THESE VESSELS WILL BE USED FOR TRANSPORT OF RELIEF SUPPLIES TO NEEDY WAR-VICTIMS IN NIGERIA/BIAFRA.

COST OF THE CONTRACT WILL BE THE LSM CHARTER AMOUNT OF \$797,000 PLUS APPROXIMATELY \$16,000 EACH FOR TWO MOBILE CRANES WITH SIX MONTHS SUPPLY OF SPARE PARTS. FUNDS FOR THE CONTRACT WILL BE ADVANCED IN THE FORM OF A ONE MILLION DOLLAR LUMP SUM FROM POSSIBLE FUTURE US GOVERNMENT CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE OVERALL ICRC BUDGET.

IT IS UNDERSTOOD THAT THIS ADVANCE AMOUNT WILL NOT BE REPAID BY ICRC UNTIL THE LAST MONTH OF THE CURRENT SIX MONTHS PLAN, AT WHICH TIME BOTH THE US GOVERNMENT AND ICRC WILL HAVE A CLEARER PICTURE OF ACTUAL OVERALL BUDGET COSTS OF ICRC OPERATIONS FOR THE SIX MONTHS PERIOD. IF AT THIS TIME THERE IS A DEFICIT IN THE BUDGET DUE TO UNFORESEEN CONTINGENCIES, THE US GOVERNMENT WILL THEN CONSIDER FAVOURABLY AN ADDITIONAL CONTRIBUTION TOWARDS THE COSTS OF THESE CONTINGENCIES FOR THE INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE OF THE RED CROSS. (SIGNED) PIERRE BASSET FOR THE OFFICE OF THE

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SPECIAL COORDINATOR FOR NIGERIA RELIEF, DEPARTMENT OF STATE,
WASHINGTON, D.C. SIGNED ARTHUR E. DEWEY. UNQUOTE.

2. BASSET PROMISED HE WOULD DISPATCH SIGNED COPIES OF CONTRACT
FOR FLETCHER AND OUR FILES.

3. NOTIFIED BASSET THAT DOLLARS ONE MILLION ADVANCE WOULD BE
DEPOSITED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE TO ICRC ACCOUNT IN THE MANNER
PREVIOUSLY USED FOR USG CONTRIBUTIONS.

4. REQUEST FLAHERTY ARRANGE FOR FLETCHER TO INCLUDE CRANES IN
CONTRACT AND ATTEMPT TO GET THEM TO JACKSONVILLE IN TIME LSM
SAILING. FOR ICRC, OUR INFO, NEED BEST ESTIMATE DATE LSM
DEPARTURE JACKSONVILLE. TUBBY

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SUBJECT: NIGERIAN RELIEF, HAGUE GROUP

REF: STATE 057745

ARNESSEN (CHIEF, UN AFFAIRS, FONOFF) TOLD EMBASSY APRIL 17 FOLLOWING WAS NORWEGIAN UNDERSTANDING OF STATE OF PLAY ON HAGUE GROUP AGREEMENT:

1. REPRESENTATIONS BY HAGUE GROUP MEMBERS WERE TO BE MADE INDIVIDUALLY NORWEGIANS CONCERNED WITH REPORTS THAT DUTCH TAKING LINE THEIR APPROACHES BEING MADE QUOTE AS AGREED BY HAGUE GROUP UNQUOTE.

2. DECISION ON WHAT STEPS NORDIC COUNTRIES SHOULD TAKE WILL BE MADE AT NORDIC FOREIGN MINISTERS MEETING AT COPENHAGEN. MINISTERS WILL ALSO DECIDE WHETHER STEPS, IF ANY WILL BE OF POLITICAL OR HUMANITARIAN NATURE. ARNESSEN SAID FOREIGN MINISTRY EXPERTS PREFER TO AVOID REPETITION OF STOCKHOLM SESSION WHICH RESULTED IN NORDIC APPEALS TO BELLIGERENTS, U THANT, ETC., AND HOPE INSTEAD TO BE ABLE TO GET THEIR MINISTERS TO CONCENTRATE EXCLUSIVELY ON HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE. PROSPECTS FOR MINISTERS

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DECIDING THEY SHOULD SUPPORT APPROACHES ON DAY FLIGHTS ARE GOOD, BUT ARNESEN THOUGHT IT IMPORTANT KEEP IN MIND THAT MINISTERS, NOT NORDIC EXPERTS, WILL HAVE LAST WORD.

3. COMMENT: WORKING LEVEL EXPERTS IN NORDIC FOREIGN MINISTRIES HAVE BEEN PULLING TOGETHER STRONGEST CASE POSSIBLE FOR HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE ONLY AND SUPPORT OF HAGUE GROUP AGREEMENT IN PARTICULAR. THEIR MEETING WITH DR. FERGUSON SHOULD BE SEEN IN THIS LIGHT. IN VIEW SIGNIFICANCE SESSION, EMB BELIEVES ANY INDICATION OF WHAT DR. FERGUSON WILL BE MOST INTERESTED IN DISCUSSING WOULD ASSIST AT LEAST IN NORWEGIAN PREPARATION AND WOULD BE APPRECIATED. GP-3. TIBBETTS

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SUBJECT: Department Statement on Concom Meeting - April 17

1. Dept spokesman issued following statement at noon briefing April 17:
2. QTE: The Consultative Committee on Nigeria of the Organization of African Unity, at the invitation of President William V.S. Tubman, opens an important meeting today in Monrovia, Liberia. The Nigerian civil war is now in its 22nd month. It is a tragedy for Nigeria and for Africa and has caused untold suffering for civilians on both sides. While avoiding any involvement in the political issues of the war, which we hope will be settled by Africans in an African context, we have in the past and continue now to deplore the continuation of the fighting and to support all OAU efforts to end the war.

The American people and the US Government have consistently indicated

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Approved in S, 4/21/69 **Memorandum of Conversation**

Time: 4:45 p.m.
DATE: April 17, 1969
Place: The Secretary's Office

SUBJECT: U.S. Policy Toward Africa

PARTICIPANTS: His Excellency Burudi Nabwera, Ambassador of Kenya
Mr. Leo P. Odera, Counselor of the Embassy of Kenya

The Honorable William P. Rogers, Secretary of State
Mr. Terence A. Todman, Country Director for East African Affairs

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After an exchange of courtesies, the Ambassador said relations between the United States and Kenya were excellent and he had nothing of a bilateral nature to raise. However, he wanted to mention two points concerning U.S. policy toward Africa in general. First he wished the U.S. would formulate and follow an independent policy toward Africa instead of always following the lead of other major Western powers such as the U.K. and France. He said the practice of following others occurred during the previous U.S. administration and appeared to be continuing.

The Secretary said he could not agree that the U.S. did not act independently. It was true that we did not rush in with solutions to every problem, but when we did act it was in accordance with our own best judgment. We did not believe that we could solve all African problems and, furthermore, we felt that the independent, responsible African states wished to and could take care of most situations on their own or through their multi-lateral organizations. He said the U.S. was prepared to discuss any problem raised with us and to help in any way it could, but did not feel it should take unwarranted initiatives. He cited the example of Nigeria where the U.S. position was different from that of either the U.K. or France. Instead of becoming involved with either side to the Nigerian conflict, the U.S. was doing everything it could to provide relief to the victims and yet the U.S. was being blamed for not solving the problem.

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C O N F I D E N T I A L COPENHAGEN 1410

REF: (A) STATE 057745 AND (B) COPENHAGEN 1278

SUBJ: NIGERIAN RELIEF

(1) EMBOFFS LUNCHED APR 16 WITH MIDDLE-RANKING MFA OFFICIAL (GRAUSEN) WHO SAID THAT MOST IMPORTANT PROBLEM FACING MFA AT MOMENT IS BIAFRA, PRIMARILY BECAUSE OF PRESSURE FROM FOLKETING AND OTHER QUARTERS. EMBOFF THEREUPON CALLED MFA OFFICIAL (THUNE ANDERSEN) SAME AFTERNOON WHO MOST INVOLVED WITH NIGERIA-BIAFRA IN ORDER OBTAIN INFO DESIRED PARA ONE REF (A) AND SMOKE OUT NEW DEVELOPMENTS. THUNE ANDERSEN STATED THAT NEITHER DANES NOR ANY OTHERS IN HAGUE GROUP PLAN MAKE DEMARCHE BEFORE NORDIC FOMMINS MTG APR 23-24 WHEN NIGERIAN-BIAFRAN

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HUMANITARIAN AID EXPECTED TO BE DISCUSSED AT LENGTH.

(2) HOWEVER, THUNE ANDERSEN ADDED, THERE ARE SEVERAL UNSETTLING ASPECTS TO MATTER THAT DANISH GOVT WANTED TO BRING TO ATTENTION USG. HE SAID THAT ALTHOUGH DUTCH DEMARCHE IN LAGOS STATED THAT THEY ACTING IN BEHALF OF ALL DONOR GOVTS, THIS NOT TRUE. DANISH EMB LAGOS REPORTED TO MFA THAT DUTCH AMB LAGOS HAD CALLED IN OTHER AMBASSADORS AND SAID HE HAD BEEN INSTRUCTED TO MAKE A DEMARCHE IN THEIR BEHALF PRECEDED BY PROPER COORDINATION. OTHER AMBASSADORS, INCLUDING DANE AND SWISS AMB LINDT WHO CHIEF ICRC NEGOTIATOR, TOLD DUTCH AMB THAT THIS NOT THEIR UNDERSTANDING, BUT HE WENT AHEAD ANYWAY. AS RESULT, ACCORDING THUNE ANDERSEN, DANES NOW CAREFUL TO DEAL ONLY WITH ICRC AND CHURCH ORGANIZATIONS.

(3) THUNE ANDERSEN ACKNOWLEDGED THAT THERE IS CONSIDERABLE INTERNAL PRESSURE ON DANISH AND OTHER NORDIC GOVTS TO SEEK POLITICAL SOLUTION IN NIGERIA. NORDIC GOVTS ARE AGREED, HE SAID, THAT IF HUMANITARIAN AID PROGRAM IS POSSIBLE, IT WOULD SERVE AS FIRST STEP AND NORDIC COUNTRIES COULD THEN MOVE TO POLITICAL FIELD. (HE NOTED THIS ALSO FERGUSON'S PHILOSOPHY.) THIS APPROACH AGREED UPON BY LOWER-RANKING NORDIC FONMIN OFFICIALS IN OSLO APR 14 IN PREPARATION FOR APR 23-24 NORDIC FON MINS MTG COPENHAGEN. ALL REPORTEDLY AGREED THAT POLITICAL INITIATIVES AT THIS TIME MAY WELL SPOIL CHANCES FOR EFFECTIVE HUMANITARIAN AID.

COMMENT: CONVERSATIONS WITH GRAUSEN AND THUNE ANDERSEN CLEARLY INDICATE THAT ALL NORDIC GOVTS UNDER CONSIDERABLE PRESSURE TO DO SOMETHING ABOUT NIGERIA-BIAFRA SETTLEMENT. ALTHOUGH WE UNABLE UNCOVER ANY POLITICAL INITIATIVE IN THE WORKS, FONMINS AT APR 23-24 MTG MAY BE TEMPTED TO GO FURTHER THAN JUST HUMANITARIAN AID.
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REF: STATE 057528, COTONOU 403 - same

1. DEWED (U/CF) AND MISOFF: MET LINDT TODAY AND RAISED POINTS
CONTAINED PARA 2 REFTEL.

2. LINDT CONCERNED RE SAFETY ICRC, JCA AND MISSIONARY PERSONNEL
IN BIAFRA. ALTHOUGH HE HAS COMPLETE AND UNCONDITIONAL FMG ASSUR-
ANCE THAT TRAGIC INCIDENT AT OKIGWI WILL NOT BE REPEATED, HE IS
NOT SANGUINE THAT STATE OF DISCIPLINE OF FMG MILITARY STRONG
ENOUGH TO BACK UP GOVERNMENT'S ASSURANCES. A FAVORABLE FACTOR,
LINDT BELIEVES, IS THAT FMG TROOPS NO REPEAT NO LONGER EXPECT
EVERY WHITE PERSON THEY OVERRUN TO BE A MERCENARY.

3. REGARDING AMCIT ICRC TEAM 18 AT OKPUALA NUGWA LINDT SAYS HE
DOES NOT REPEAT NOT HAVE MILITARY CONTROL OVER THEM AND CANNOT
FORCE THEM ADHERE TO ICRC EVACUATION PLAN. IF IT APPEARS TEAM TO
BE OVERRUN BY FMG FORCES LINDT WOULD MAKE EVERY EFFORT WITH FMG
TO ASSURE THAT RESPONSIBLE AND TRUSTWORTHY ELEMENT OF FMG ARMED
FORCES BE AT POINT OF CONTACT WITH AUTHORITY PROVIDE SAFEGUARD.

4. LINDT SAYS ICRC TEAMS WILL CONTINUE WORK AS LONG AS POSSIBLE.
GENERALLY THEY HAVE EXCELLENT CONTACT WITH BIAFRAN COMMANDERS.
WHEN CIVILIAN POPULATION INSTRUCTED TO EVACUATE, ICRC TEAMS WILL
ALSO EVACUATE. PLAN IS TO CONCENTRATE THEM NEAR AIRFIELDS ULI AND

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C O N F I D E N T I A L MONROVIA 1756

SUBJECT: DRAFT STATEMENT RE CONCOM MEETING AT MONROVIA

REF: STATE 58843 - POL 27-9 BIAFRA-NIGERIA
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(2) HAVE NOT DISCUSSED CONFERENCE PROCEDURE WITH TUBMAN AND
CANNOT CONFIRM THAT HE WILL FORMALLY CHAIR CONFERENCE. LIBERIAN
PRESS CONSISTENTLY RECOGNIZES EMPEROR AS CHAIRMAN OF CONCOM,
WHICH MEETING IN MONROVIA. "WITH TUBMAN." GIVEN BACKGROUND
OF EMPEROR'S INITIAL RELUCTANCE TO HAVE MEETING IN MONROVIA,

SUGGEST IT WOULD BE MORE TACTFUL TO OMIT REFERENCE
TO CHAIRMANSHIP. TUBMAN MIGHT BE RECOGNIZED AT END OF FIRST
SENTENCE WITH PHRASE "AT INVITATION OF PRESIDENT WILLIAM
V. S. TUBMAN." DRAFT STATEMENT OTHERWISE SUITABLE. BROWN

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REF: Copenhagen 1278
STATE

1. Dr. C. Clyde Ferguson, Special Coordinator on Relief to Nigeria, has accepted invitation extended via Danish Embassy to participate in working sessions of Scandinavian experts on relief work in Nigeria/Biafra in Copenhagen April 21-22.
2. Will advise Ferguson's itinerary as soon as firm. Probable arrival April 20, departure evening April 22.

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SUBJECT: LSM Contract

FOR DEWEY FROM SCHOTT

Fletcher has written Flaherty a letter dated April 14 and provided the following information which maybe relevant to your discussions:

"For international overseas voyages, the loaded draft would be not less then 7'-6" forward - and 8'-6" aft. Running coastwise, we can go to a higher draft.....

"We cannot use the old LSM curves for displacement and DDWT, as all the armor, surplus equipments, etc., have been removed. The best I can determine, at this point, is that the light weight of the ship is between (500) and (515) short tons.

"On the contract I have signed for the charter of these

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boats, I added a clause (after discussion with U.S.
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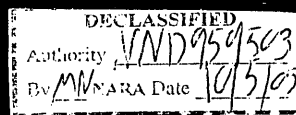
"Vessel to operate under normal charter clauses
under the amnesty of the I.C.R.C., employing
privileges of access and immunity at all times."

"If this is not to be the case - I do not expect any
trouble in changing this clause, but would definitely
like to state the change, prior to the vessels departing
Barranquilla, Colombia, which will be within the next
few days."

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SUBJ: Temporary Duty Alfred Neal
For Neal from Schott

Ferguson requests you proceed U. S. Mission Geneva for approximately two week temporary assignment. You should leave for Geneva as soon as possible to arrive Thursday April 17 if possible. Initially you will work with Mr. Dewey of Ferguson's staff who arrives Geneva April 16. Your travel preparations should envisage your return Washington after Geneva or travel other destination in Africa.

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SUBJECT: Relief Negotiations, Briefing of President Tubman

REF: State's 57155

1. Since timing for Ferguson visit did not prove satisfactory prior to Concom meeting, believe Ambassador should inform Secstate Grimes that he has received background information on Ferguson relief activities which at Grimes' convenience or that of President Tubman be in position to convey. The following material is for guidance in your briefing:

2. Dr. Ferguson arrived in Lagos on March 15 for talks with General Gowon and a tour of the battle areas and then flew to Cotonou and entered Biafra and held extensive private conversations with Colonel Ojukwu. On March 25 he returned to Lagos for further conversations with Gen. Gowon. The return trip included stops in Addis Ababa, Geneva and the Hague.

3. In discussions with Gowon and Ojukwu following plan proposed: Both Uli and Obilago air fields should be utilized for daylight relief flights for period of sixty days or until

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[surface corridor could be opened into Biafran-controlled areas. The two airfields had never previously been linked in one proposal and as single proposal they offered new negotiating position for both sides. Various surface corridors were proposed including new proposals which offer both good logistic possibilities as well as political advantage of being US proposal.

4. Both Gowon and Ojukwu were receptive to a surface corridor. Gowon stated that he would have to refer the proposals to his military commanders for their advice. Ojukwu expressed his willingness to enter into secret negotiations with Nigerian officials on a surface corridor. There were ^{some} indications that both leaders would be willing to meet face-to-face for these negotiations. Both parties sought assurances that the initiative remain a US initiative, that the USG arrange the site with their agreement and that the US be present as intermediary.

5. While both sides expressed their willingness to enter secret talks on a surface route, they both stuck to their known positions regarding daylight flights and use of the Obilago airstrip. In order to keep our initiative and to guard the secrecy of these negotiations this office has refused to discuss surface corridors and in cooperation

[with the Dutch Foreign Office has encouraged countries participating]

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in the "Luns Plan Group" to discuss only daylight flights. In the meantime, contacts with both sides are being maintained in order to move as rapidly as possible to the second phase of negotiations -- the choice of an African site and an agreed date to bring both sides together.

6. Since Luns Group meeting Dutch have undertaken demarches Lagos, Abidjan, Dar es Salaam and Addis Ababa to press for daylight flights in addition existing night flights and agreement both parties to certain conditions -- e.g. non-interference by FMG and no arms flight to Biafra during daylight. GON pointed out that Group would not support proposed construction new airstrip for relief flights which opposed by FMG. Joint Church Aid which reviewed new airstrip proposal has also turned project down because construction materials would displace relief supplies on air bridge, proposal would not guarantee increase in relief over existing level, and proposal has political-military implications.

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SUBJECT: Secretary's Remarks to American Society of Newspaper Editors -
April 16

1. Secretary Rogers addressed brief remarks today to the American Society of Newspaper Editors, meeting in Washington. He referred by way of illustration to five problems which have concerned administration during three months in office: Viet-Nam, Berlin, Middle East, Peru and Nigeria. On latter he said:

2. "Fifth, in the civil war in Nigeria, we are not militarily, politically, or economically involved and we have resisted pressures to become so. However, we are deeply involved in a humanitarian effort. Our government has extended over \$32 million worth of food and medical supplies to the needy in that area of the world. More recently we have despatched a special envoy to expedite aid to people who are starving and break the log jams which have hampered the flow of the ample supplies which are available. We will continue to resist

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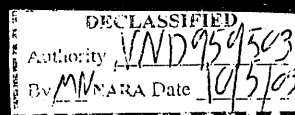
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getting involved politically but ~~we~~ we will continue our humanitarian involvement and do all we can to prevent disease and starvation." additional
3. Post attention should be drawn to/excerpts text of Secretary's remarks which will be available in wireless file.

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SUBJECT: Meeting with Houphouet-Boigny

REF: Shriver and Palmer Telcon April 15

1. Following is status report on Nigerian situation for your background in meeting with Houphouet-Boigny.
2. Special Relief Coordinator Ferguson has returned to US after discussion with parties to conflict and African and European officials concerned with relief. For Houphouet personal info, if he should raise Calabar-Cross River surface route he could be informed that despite Biafran rejection of Obilagu proposal and daylight flights to Uli, Ojukwu indicated positive interest in that surface route to Biafra. Ferguson made some progress in getting both sides to agree in principle to secret negotiations on surface corridors. Ferguson has since returned to US and has been working on procedures to get negotiations in motion. He believes preliminary discussions may be necessary to determine site route. for subsequent substantive discussions on relief ~~XXXX~~. Ferguson forced to cancel scheduled trip to West Africa this week for personal reasons.
3. Meeting OAU ConCom on Nigeria scheduled open Monrovia April 18. There

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little optimism about prospects for significant breakthrough on peace or relief. There has been some discussion of possible arrangement by ConCom of representative to negotiate with parties on behalf of ConCom but agreement on such a procedure does not appear likely. Emperor may offer ^{suggestion} ~~suggest~~ that ConCom propose cease-fire and embargo of arms to parties to be policed by international observers, but there no indications other heads of state ready to endorse this approach. So far as Dept. can determine no observers from Ivory Coast, or other states not represented on ConCom, will be present in Monrovia. FMG delegation to Monrovia relatively low level, led by Federal Commissioner for Works and Housing.

4. Federal forces now engaged in major offensive. First Division has travelled south to within about seven miles of Biafran capital at Umuahia (within shelling range) and is also 12 miles to east. However, Second and Third Divisions remain bogged down and further rapid FMG military progress by no means assured. Embassy Paris 5251 proved very useful here in assessing current French views on Biafra's chances for survival.

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DEPARTMENT FOR ASSISTANT SECRETARY PALMER

SUBJ: HOUPHOUET'S VIEWS ON NIGERIA/BIAFRA

REF: STATE 58038

1. SUMMARY: AS AGREED DURING TELCON WITH YOU, I ACCEPTED PRESIDENT HOUPHOUET-BOIGNY'S INVITATION TO MEET HIM MORNING APRIL 16. HOUPHOUET WANTED BRING US UP TO DATE ON WHERE HE STANDS IN SEARCH FOR PEACE IN NIGERIA. DESPITE AT LEAST TEMPORARY SET-BACK TO HIS HOPES ATTEND MONROVIA MEETING OAU CONCOM AS OBSERVER WITH RIGHT TO SPEAK (BUT NOT TO PARTICIPATE IN DECISION-MAKING PROCESS) HIS READING OF PROSPECTS FOR FINDING AGREEMENT BETWEEN TWO SIDES MORE OPTIMISTIC THAN THAT REPORTED REFTEL AND PARIS 5251.

2. HOUPHOUET TOLD ME HE WANTED TO EXPLAIN WHY HE WAS NOT AT MONROVIA AS HE HAD TOLD ME ON MARCH 29 HE

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HOPED TO BE (PARIS 4554). HE HAD SEEN PRESIDENTS DIORI AND MOBUTU HERE IN PARIS AND BOTH SAID THEY FAVORED HIS ATTENDING OAU CONCOM MEETING AS OBSERVER. HOWEVER, MESSAGE DIORI HAD GOTTEN FROM PRESIDENT TUBMAN CONCERNED WHOLESALE INVITATION TO ANY INTERESTED OAU MEMBERS TO SEND OBSERVERS, WITHOUT MENTIONING HOUPHOUET, SO DIORI HAD REPLIED NEGATIVELY. PRESIDENT AHIDJO HAD STOPPED IN ABIDJAN ENROUTE MONROVIA AND HAD TOLD FONMIN USHER HE WANTED HOUPHOUET BE PRESENT MONROVIA. HOUPHOUET SAID HE STAND READY PROCEED TO MONROVIA AT MOMENT'S NOTICE IF CONCOM MEMBERS SEND FOR HIM.

3. DURING COURSE OF OUR TALK, HOUPHOUET HAD PHONE CALL FROM LIBREVILLE INFORMING HIM THAT BIAFRAN DELEGATION TO MONROVIA CONCOM MEETING LED BY OKPARA HAD ARRIVED THERE MID-MORNING APRIL 16 AND WERE TAKING HIS PERSONAL MYSTERY TO MONROVIA. THEY ARE PREPARED PARTICIPATE FULLY IN TALKS WITH CONCOM AND FMG DELEGATION WITHOUT ANY PRECONDITIONS, AS HOUPHOUET HAD PREVIOUSLY SAID THEY WOULD (PARIS 4213).

4. I ASKED HOUPHOUET WHAT HE SAW AS POSSIBLE NEXT STEP IN MOVING TOWARD PEACE. HE REPLIED THAT DIORI, MOBUTU AND AHIDJO HAD ALL INFORMED HIM THEY PREPARED HAVE OAU CONCOM PROPOSE (AFTER PRELIMINARY DISCUSSIONS AT MONROVIA INCLUDING FMG AND BIAFRAN DELS) THAT GOWON INSTITUTE UNCONDITIONAL CEASE FIRE WITH PROPERLY CONTROLLED ARMS EMBARGO. HOUPHOUET SPECIFICALLY SAID ARMS EMBARGO WOULD APPLY TO BIAFRA SO THAT ARMS FLIGHTS COULD NOT COME IN DURING CEASE FIRE. IF CEASE FIRE ACCEPTED, WAY WOULD BE OPEN FOR TOP-LEVEL NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN GOWON AND OJUKWU.

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5. HOUPHOUET THEN REFERRED TO LETTER WHICH GOWON REPORTEDLY SENT OAU SEC GEN DIALLO TELLI AND EMPEROR HAILE SELASSIE ABOUT THREE WEEKS AGO SAYING THAT FMG READY ACCORD BIAFRA "LARGEST POSSIBLE DEGREE OF AUTONOMY" WITHIN SINGLE NIGERIA. (NOTE: QUAI DIRECTOR LEBEL TELLS US THAT LETTER EVEN REFERRED TO "COMMONWEALTH-LIKE AGREEMENT.") THIS REPRESENTS MAJOR CONCESSION BY FMG AND IF, AFTER AGREEING TO CEASE-FIRE, GOWON COULD REPEAT IT AND DEFINE WHAT AUTONOMY MEANS IN PRECISE TERMS, HOUPHOUET AND OTHER THREE PRESIDENTS RECOGNIZING BIAFRA WOULD MAKE EVERY EFFORT PERSUADE OJUKWU ACCEPT REASONABLE FMG PROPOSAL. HOUPHOUET REFUSED TO COMMIT HIMSELF CATEGORICALLY TO OJUKWU ACCEPTANCE SUCH PROPOSAL SINCE HE COULD NOT SPEAK FOR OJUKWU AND TERMS OF PROPOSAL NOT KNOWN. HOWEVER, HE THOUGHT IT MOST LIKELY OJUKWU WOULD ACCEPT.

6. IN REPLY, I TOLD HOUPHOUET THAT HE WAS ASKING FOR TOO MUCH IN ADVANCE FROM GOWON AND NOTHING FROM OJUKWU. I ASKED HIM WHETHER, IN EVENT GOWON WERE TO AGREE IN

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PRINCIPLE TO CEASE-FIRE PROPOSED BY CONCOM AND WERE TO REPEAT TO CONCOM WHAT HE HAD REPORTEDLY SAID IN LETTER TO DIALLO TELLI (BUT NO MORE), HOUPHOUET WOULD BE PREPARED PRESS OJUKWU TO STATE FORMALLY HIS WILLINGNESS ACCEPT PRINCIPLE OF SINGLE NIGERIA, PROVIDED DEGREE OF AUTONOMY WHICH FMG OFFERED PROVED ACCEPTABLE. IN THIS WAY DECLARATION OF INTENT BY FMG WOULD BE MATCHED BY SIMILAR DECLARATION INTENT ON PART BIAFRA. ALTHOUGH I COULD NOT SPEAK FOR USG OR FMG, THIS STRUCK ME AS MORE REASONABLE APPROACH TO SETTLEMENT.

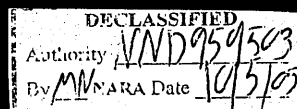
7. HOUPHOUET SAID HE WOULD CONSIDER CAREFULLY THIS SUGGESTION, WOULD "CONSULT" WITH UNIDENTIFIED COLLEAGUES, AND WOULD BE BACK IN TOUCH WITH ME BY SATURDAY AT LATEST TO GIVE ME AN ANSWER. HE REPEATED HIS WILLINGNESS GO TO MONROVIA AT MOMENT'S NOTICE IF HE IS NEEDED.

8. COMMENT: (A) HOUPHOUET AT NO TIME SUGGESTED THAT UNITED STATES BECOME DIRECTLY -- OR EVEN INDIRECTLY -- INVOLVED IN POLITICAL SIDE OF NIGERIAN CONFLICT. HOWEVER, HE INDICATED CLEARLY THAT HE URGENTLY TRYING FIND PEACEFUL SOLUTION TO CONFLICT. ALTHOUGH HE SAID THAT BIAFRA STILL HOLDING FIRM IN AND AROUND UMUAHIA, HOUPHOUET PROBABLY RECOGNIZES THAT BIAFRAN MILITARY SITUATION DETERIORATING RAPIDLY AND THIS MAY WELL BE MOTIVATING HIS EFFORT FIND PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT. HOWEVER, IN MY OPINION, IT IS NOT HIS MOTIVATION THAT COUNTS BUT HIS APPARENTLY SINCERE DESIRE FOR PEACEFUL SOLUTION AND WILLINGNESS TO USE HIS INFLUENCE ON OJUKWU. JUDGING FROM WHAT HOUPHOUET SAID AND FROM REFTEL, IT SEEMS THAT SEVERAL MEMBERS OAU CONCOM ARE ALSO URGENTLY SEEKING MEANS PEACEFUL SOLUTION AND WILLING USE THEIR INFLUENCE ON GOWON. (B) SHOULD IT APPEAR THAT MONROVIA MEETING ACTUALLY HAS CHANCE OF FINDING PEACEFUL LAST-MINUTE SOLUTION, I BELIEVE WE SHOULD STAND READY TO PROVIDE BEHIND-SCENES SUPPORT SHOULD IT BE INDICATED. I WOULD GUESS THAT FRENCH ARE ALSO DESIROUS FINDING PEACEFUL SOLUTION. ANY FURTHER GUIDANCE YOU BELIEVE MIGHT BE USEFUL IN TALKING WITH HOUPHOUET WOULD BE APPRECIATED.

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FOR U/CF

SUBJ: CALABAR-CROSS RIVER ROUTE

REF: STATE 56798 *Pol 27-9 Biafra Nigeria*

1. I GAVE YOUR MESSAGE TO ARIKPO LAST NIGHT, TOLD HIM REBEL SPOKESMEN WERE INDICATING ACCEPTANCE IN PRINCIPLE OF CALABAR-CROSS RIVER ROUTE AND URGED THAT FMG TAKE FAVORABLE DECISION PROMPTLY. ARIKPO SAID FMG HAD BEEN PREOCCUPIED WITH SUCCESSION FOREIGN VISITORS (WHICH IS TRUE) BUT THAT HE WOULD PRESS RELIEF ROUTE ISSUE AND BE IN TOUCH WITH ME SOON.

2. WHAT WAS OUTCOME OF MEETING CHURCH GROUPS IN NEW YORK LAST WEEK?

3. DANISH AMBASSADOR TELLS ME HE HAS SUGGESTED TO HIS GOVERNMENT AND TO LINDT THAT LATTER SHOULD BE IN COPENHAGEN DURING YOUR TALKS THERE WITH NORDIC EXPERTS.
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FM AMEMBASSY LAGOS

TO: USMISSION GENEVA IMMEDIATE

INFO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 6037

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SUBJECT: CROSS RIVER

REF A) GENEVA 1141; B) LAGOS 3283

FOR DEWEY

1. WOODS LEFT LAGOS FOR ENUGU EARLY 16 PARIL. CONFIRM APPROXIMATE STARTING DATES NAVIGATION TO IKOT OKPORO MID-MAY AS INDICATED REF. B. RPT B. FOLLOWING MAY BE USEFUL SUPPLEMENTING WOODS' MESSAGE.

2. NAVIGATION (5 TO 6 FOOT DRAFT EQUIPMENT) TO IKOT OKPORO ENDS APPROX. MID-OCTOBER. EMPHASIZE THAT WET SEASON VARIES CONSIDERABLY YEAR TO YEAR. THIS PERIOD OF NAVIGABILITY CAN BE SHORTENED OR PROLONGED BY THREE WEEKS EITHER WAY. IN SOME YEARS HIWWHATER CS NOT COME UNTIL EARLY JUNE AND HAS EXTENDED WELL INTO NOVEMBER.

3. OUR UNDERSTANDING ITU CAN BE SERVICED YEAR ROUND BY CRAFT NOT REPEAT NOT EXCEEDING FOUR AND HALF FOOT DRAFT. LARGER EQUIPMENT (LSM) RESTRICTED TO IKOT OKPORO NAVIGATION PERIOD (MAY OCTOBER). NWANIBA AVAILABLE YEAR ROUND.
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C O N F I D E N T I A L LAGOS 3320

SUBJECT: NIGERIAN RELIEF - DAYLIGHT FLIGHTS

REF: LAGOS 3187

1. NETHERLANDS EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED FMG AIDE MEMOIRE
IN REPLY TO ITS DEMARCHE REPORTED REFTEL URGING FMG
AGREE TO USE OF ULI FOR DAYLIGHT FLIGHTS.

2. AIDE MEMOIRE STATES IN SUBSTANCE THAT FMG HAS OFTEN
MADE PROPOSALS FOR FACILITATING FLOW OF RELIEF AND
ACCEPTED SCHEMES SUBMITTED BY THIRD PARTIES SUCH AS HIM,
LOWENSTEIN, AND FERGUSON. THESE PROPOSALS ALWAYS
REFUSED BY REBELS. IT, THEREFORE, ESSENTIAL THAT REBELS
FIRST AGREE TO ANY "SCHEME" TO AVOID EXPENDING FURTHER
NEEDLESS EFFORT.

3. COMMENT: WE DO NOT REGARD THIS AS FMG BACKING-OFF IN
ANY SENSE TO IDEA USING ULI FOR DAYLIGHT FLIGHTS BUT
RATHER FRUSTRATION AND PERHAPS SOME ANNOYANCE AT IDEA
DEMARCHE HAS BEEN SUBMITTED ON PROPOSAL FMG HAS ALREADY
ACCEPTED.
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SUBJ: NIGERIAN RELIEF -- HAGUE GROUP

REF: STATE 057745 (NOTAL)

1. EMBOFFI DISCUSSED HAGUE GROUP ACTIONS TO SUPPORT DAYLIGHT
FLIGHTS WITH MFA'S HUYDECOPER APRIL 16. REI DUTCH DEMARCHES
LAGOS, ADDIS, ABIDJAN, AND DARE SALAAMI. HUYDECOPER

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REPORTED: (A) INITIAL REACTION IN LAGOS WAS FULL OF "IFS AND BUTS" BUT ON BALANCE NOT DISCOURAGING, (B) ETHIOPIANS SEEMED RATHER RELUCTANT DO ANYTHING NOW, (C) NO BIAFRAN REACTION YET THROUGH ABIDJAN, (D) DOUBTFUL REACTION WOULD COME VIA DARE SALAAM SINCE GOT DECLINED DO ANYTHING WITHOUT EXPRESS APPROVAL NYERERERE, WHO UNAVAILABLE AT MOMENT. HUYDECOPER NOW CONSIDERING FURTHER DUTCH DEMARCHE AT COMING AFRICAN MEETING IN MONROVIA.

2. ONLY OTHER HAGUE GROUP MEMBER REPORTING ACTION THUS FAR IS ITALY, WHOSE EMBASSIES IN FOUR AFRICAN COUNTRIES THAT RECOGNIZE BIAFRA RECEIVED INSTRUCTIONS LAST WEEK-END TO MAKE PITCH FOR DAYLIGHT FLIGHTS. ITALIANS PLAN NO DEMARCHE IN LAGOS. HUYDECOPER WAS NOT OPTIMISTIC THAT MANY OTHER GROUP MEMBERS WOULD WEIGH IN SOON, WAS PARTICULARLY CONCERNED THAT SCANDINAVIANS WILL DO NOTHING UNTIL AFTER NORDEC GROUP MEETING APRIL 21-22, AND WELCOMED INQUIRIES BEING MADE PER REFTEL BY U.S. EMBASSIES ON HAGUE GROUP CIRCUIT. HE EXPRESSED UNDERSTANDING U.S. DISINCLINATION WEIGH IN NOW WITH FURTHER DEMARCHES ON DAYLIGHT FLIGHTS BUT ASKED WE GIVE CONSIDERATION (1) TO MAKING CLEAR TO BOTH SIDES WE HAVE DROPPED LOWENSTEIN-OBILAGO PLAN AND (2) TO REPORTING TO BOTH SIDES NEGATIVE VIEW OF THIRD AIRSTRIP AT APRIL 11 MEETING OF CHURCH GROUPS IN NEW YORK.

3. RE NEXT MEETING, HUYDECOPER THOUGHT IT UNLIKELY MEETING COULD BE CALLED FOR EARLIER THAN ABOUT MAY 8. MFA NOW PUTTING FINISHING TOUCHES ON SURFACE CORRIDOR STUDY WHICH WE WILL BE GIVEN WITHIN WEEK. IN RETURN, HUYDECOPER ASKS FOR "U.S. STUDY" THAT FERGUSON SAID MARCH 31 HE HOPED WOULD BE READY IN 2-3 WEEKS, AND OPPORTUNITY SEEK AGREEMENT ON BILATERAL BASIS ON LONGER TERM CORRIDOR PROPOSAL FOR WHICH SUPPORT COULD BE SOUGHT AT NEXT GROUP MEETING. (COMMENT: WE WILL NEED PERSUASIVE ARGUMENTS IF WE ARE TO SUGGEST DELAY BEYOND EARLY MAY OF FURTHER GROUP CONSIDERATION OF SURFACE CORRIDORS).

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" VIENNA

SUBJECT: Nigerian Relief, Hague Group

REF: A. Lagos 3187
B. Hague 1262
C. Hague 1393

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1. Embassy should inform Huydecoper that Ferguson appreciates support provided by Dutch Government through demarches Lagos, Addis Ababa, Abidjan and Dar es Salaam per Hague group agreement. (Ref.A.) Group agreed that member governments would report to Dutch before Easter what steps they could take to support ICRC efforts to win approval for daylight flights to Uli in addition to night flights. (Ref. B.) Ferguson concerned about inaction other Luns Plan Group members to press Nigerian Federal

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Government, governments friendly to Biafra, and the Emperor re acceptance daylight flights to Uli during sixty-day critical period. Info posts should inquire what host governments intend to do to support demarches.

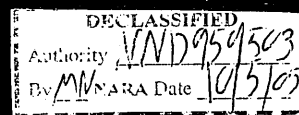
2. Given longstanding US support for day flights and extensive Ferguson discussion of issue with both sides, Dept believes further US representations on this issue neither contemplated by Hague Group agreement nor useful at present stage Ferguson mission. (Ref. C.) However, Dept welcomes representations by other donor governments in support of measure which we continue to believe would expand flow of relief.

3. Huydecoper may be interested outcome Church World Services-Joint Church Aid meeting held New York April 11 with MacCracken, Bishop Swanstrom, Pastor Mollerup, Gen. Berg, Msgr. Bayer, Dr. Johnson (Canair Relief) and other church group representatives. Ferguson briefed meeting re proposals for daylight flights and stated reasons he could not support construction new airstrip. Majority church leaders opposed involvement JCA in construction third airstrip and Johnson Canair proposal definitively turned down. Their reasoning included problems of time, displacement critical relief cargoes, as well as political reactions FMG and impossibility guaranteeing new strip would actually

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change overall airlift capacity.

4. Ferguson had expected travel this week to West Africa and continue press for negotiations both sides on relief plan. If question arises you should state personal reasons and scheduling problems forced delay this trip. Efforts are being undertaken move site selection and date for negotiations forward from Washington. FYI: Ferguson has plans
Nordic Union
visit Copenhagen to brief/expert group on relief ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~
April 21-22. However, his actual travel plans now in abeyance. END FYI.

5. Ferguson interested knowing date next Luns Plan Group meeting. His travel plans indefinite but does not believe he could be present for meeting before early May.

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SUBJECT: Ferguson Visit Monrovia

1. Department prepared give following reason cancellation proposed Ferguson trip to Monrovia and West Africa. Ferguson "for personal reasons not able to leave this week on trip tentatively planned take him to several West African and European countries." Should question of Monrovia arise, Department would say a stop in Monrovia before meeting of OAU Concom on Nigeria on April 17-18 had been considered. However, scheduling difficulties and activities surrounding arrival of committee members precluded possibility of meeting with President Tubman before conference.
2. FYI only: Ferguson does not consider under the circumstances that it would be productive visit Monrovia in near future. Instead briefing he had intended give Tubman on his relief efforts should be given by US Ambassador Monrovia to Tubman or to SecState Grimes in his discretion. Later telegram will contain instructions for briefing.
- END FYI.

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3. Regarding role Ambassador Cox, we consider he acted good faith and that difficult circumstances surrounding trip created unavoidable confusion.

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SUBJECT: Cross River

REFERENCE: Geneva 1141

FOR WOODS FROM DEWEY

1. Para 3, Reftel. Request your best information on approximate starting/ending dates when fully loaded LSM could go as far as Ikot Okporo. Also same dates for LSM carrying reduced load of 500 tons.
2. Request confirmation year-round use Nwaniba and Itu by LSM's with full load or alternately maximum permissible load.
3. Pass reply to Dewey in Geneva.

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REF: STATE 057061

1. FREYMOND AND EXPERTS NOT AVAILABLE AFTERNOON APRIL 16.
EXPERTS WILL BE AVAILABLE THURSDAY MORNING APRIL 17
UNTIL 1400. BEST TIME FOR FREYMOND THIS WEEK TOGETHER
WITH EXPERTS WOULD BE LATE MORNING WEDNESDAY, APRIL 16.

2. SUGGEST IF POSSIBLE DEWEY PLAN ARRIVE EARLY ENOUGH
FOR WEDNESDAY MORNING SESSION.
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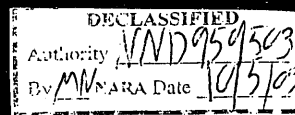
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Ref: (a) Cotonou 389 NOTAL; (b) Cotonou 392 - POL 27-9 BIAFRA

Subj: Amcits in Biafra

1. Department has issued no repeat no special instructions covering Amcits working in Biafra for ICRC or volags. They are normally informed, however, of possible physical dangers they face, while casual visits to Biafra of Amcits are discouraged due our inability provide protection of USG. We understand, however, that ICRC has issued instructions to its field personnel in Biafra concerning their movement when FMG troops approach, as well as evacuation procedures should that become necessary. In addition, Embassy Lagos keeps FMG informed of whereabouts Amcits in Biafra (Lagos 3105). Should Zimmerman travel to Biafra, both Embassy and ICRC would therefore notify FMG.

2. Ref (b) reports apparently deteriorating situation in Umuahia which may prevent Zimmerman from reaching there. Approach of FMG forces may already have caused ICRC personnel in that area to move further west. Addressee posts should contact ICRC officials and solicit (1) their latest assessment of dangers to ICRC and other foreign personnel in

Umuahia ~~area~~ sector and (2) current reading on ICRC standing instructions to its personnel and their evacuation plans, should that become necessary.

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1. DR. GRASSET ACCOMPANIED BY DR. GENDRON, DEPUTY DIRECTOR SUPPLY, UNICEF, CALLED ON MISSION TODAY CONNECTION BIAFRA BCG SMALLPOX CAMPAIGN. GRASSET ADVISED DR. BOURKE DOES NOT WISH TO RENEW HIS ENGAGEMENT AND REQUESTS AID/W RECRUIT BCG SMALLPOX PEDOUET EXPERT WITH PEDOUET MAINTENANCE KNOWHOW. GRASSET STRESSES NEED FOR PERSON CAPABLE SUPERVISING LOCALS AND WITHSTANDING CONDITIONS IN BIAFRA. SHE OF OPINION IF AID/W CANNOT READILY LOCATE SUITABLE EXPERT, WHO AND ICRC COULD RECRUIT AT PARIS OR FROM WHOI STAFF.
2. GRASSET PLANS OPERATION TO BEGIN JUNE 1 AND WOULD ARRANGE PRIOR TWO WEEKS TRAINING WITH DR. CHAMBRON, A PEDOUET EXPERT IN DAKAR. SHE BELIEVES ONE MONTH BREAK BETWEEN DR. BOURKE AND HIS SUCCESSOR FEASIBLE BECAUSE SOME LOCAS TRAINED FOR ROUTINE MAINTENANCE.
3. PROJECT ALREADY HAS OVERSPENT FIRST ALLOCATION OF \$165,000 BY \$20-25,000. ACCORDINGLY GRASSET WISHES PAY BOURKE'S SUCCESSOR FROM \$155,000 OFFERED REFTEL WHICH WE ASSUME IS NOW REDUCED TO \$130,000 BY OVEREXPENDITURE.
4. GRASSET ALSO REQUESTS AID/W APPROVAL PURCHASE FROM USG CONTRIBUION: THREE LANDROVERS AND SPARES (UK MANUFACTURE) \$10,000; 35 INTRADERMATIC NOZZLES (U.S. SOURCES) FOR BCG VACCINE; PETROL, STATIONERY, MINOR VEHICLE REPAIRS (BIAFRA) \$5,000.

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5. DR. GENDRON AGREED IN PRINCIPLE SUPPLY 5 ELECTRIC/KEROSENE REFRIGERATORS FROM UNICEF STOCKS IN COPENHAGEN AS WELL AS SOME QUANTITIES VACCINES. REQUEST AID/W COORDINATE UNICEF UN/NY.

6. GRASSET PROMISES TUBERCULOSIS REPORT (BIAFRA) TOMORROW APRIL 16. WE WILL TRANSMIT ASAP TO NORTH AND WILSON WHO REQUESTED ALSO PASS TO CONCERNED MEDICAL STAFF. TUBBY

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 REF: Geneva 1141

1. Dewey, member Ferguson staff, intends arrive Geneva morning April 16. He is fully prepared answer ICRC questions reported reftel and requests appointment afternoon April 16 with Freymond and his experts. Will notify exact arrival times. Reserve hotel room April 16, 17.

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SUBJ: FERGUSON VISIT MONROVIA

ACT: ADDIS 1402

1. REGRET PERSONAL SUGGESTION OF FERGUSON VISIT
TO MONROVIA MADE BY LIBERIAN AMB COX IN ADDIS
ABABA 28 (REFTEL) SOMEHOW BECAME CONSTRUED AS
THE PRESIDENTIAL INVITATION UNQTE. COX, TOGETHER
WITH GHANAIAN AMB, SIMPLY PUT FORWARD SUGGESTION
ON PERSONAL BASIS TO FERGUSON AND ME. COX DID NOT
PRESUME ISSUE INVITATION ON BEHALF PRES TUBMAN OR
HOL AND MADE NO PRETENSE OF DOING SO. THIS CLEAR
AND SUGGESTION OF VISIT CAME AS RESULT THEIR FAVORABLE
IMPRESSION CLARITY FERGUSON DESCRIPTION RELIEF AND
HUMANITARIAN PROBLEMS NIGERIA.

2. SUGGEST TO PROTECT AMB COX FACT HE ACTED APPROPRIATELY
AND IN GOOD FAITH BE EXPLAINED LOW KEY TO LIBERIAN
GOVERNMENT AT APPROPRIATE LEVEL WHEN OPPORTUNITY
ARISES. HALL

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SUBJECT: FERGUSON VISIT

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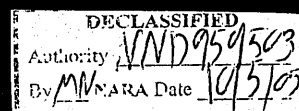
① 1. SAW TUBMAN AT AIRPORT YESTERDAY WHEN PRESIDENT AHIDJO DEPARTED.
I APOLOGIZED FOR CONFUSION CAUSED BY PROPOSED FERGUSON VISIT.
PRESIDENT REPLIED THAT HE HAD NO OBJECTION TO FERGUSON COMING TO
MONROVIA BUT DID NOT WANT HIM TO COME WITH PEOPLE THINKING HE HAD
BEEN INVITED. HE GAVE AS HIS REASON THE SENSITIVITY OF OTHER
MEMBERS OF CONCOM TO ANYTHING THAT LOOKS LIKE OUTSIDE INTERFERENCE
OR PRESSURE.

2. SHORTLY THEREAFTER GRIMES TOLD ME HE HAD RECEIVED A TELEGRAM FROM
AMBASSADOR COX IN ADDIS. COX CLAIMS THAT ALL HE DID WAS TO
SUGGEST TO FERGUSON THAT IF LATTER GOING THROUGH MONROVIA ON RETURN
TO NIGERIA IT WOULD BE USEFUL IF HE TALKED WITH TUBMAN. HE DID NOT
REPEAT NOT CONSIDER HE WAS ISSUING INVITATION. BROWN

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C O N F I D E N T I A L THE HAGUE 1393:

SUBJ: NIGERIAN RELIEF-HAGUE GROUP

REF: (A) LAGOS 3187; (B) HAGUE 1262:

1. NETHERLANDS EMBASSY'S DEMARCHE IN LAGOS (REF: A) NOT FULLY IN ACCORDANCE SCENARIO AGREED AT HAGUE GROUP MEETING MARCH 31 (REF: B) ACCORDING WHICH GOVERNMENTS WOULD BE ASKED REPORT PRIOR TO EASTER ON ACTIONS THEY COULD TAKE TO SUPPORT DAYLIGHT FLIGHTS BUT THAT ACTIONS THEMSELVES WOULD BE TAKEN ONLY AFTER EASTER.

2. PRIOR TO APPROACHING MFA THIS SUBJECT, WE WOULD APPRECIATE HAVING DEPARTMENT'S RESPONSE ON U.S. ACTIONS IN SUPPORT DAYLIGHT FLIGHTS.

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SUBJECT: FINANCING LANDING CRAFT

1. ICRC EXPRESSES APPRECIATION RECEIPT TECHNICAL INFO RE LSMS. BELIEVE COMMITTEE LIKELY FULLY RECOGNIZE VALUE USE THESE VESSELS. HOWEVER, STILL CONCERNED RE PAYMENT.

2. IN ORDER GET PROJECT PROMPTLY UNDERWAY, I RECOMMEND US AGREE PAY CONTRACT FOR LSMS WITH UNDERSTANDING THAT ICRC LATER MAKE CONTRIBUTION IF POSSIBLE FROM BUDGET AS FREYMOND SAID WILLING DO. (GENEVA 1112).

3. DIFFICULTY PROPOSAL FOR ADVANCE OF \$1 MILLION FROM US CONTRIBUTION TO ICRC (STATE 034744) FOR JUNE-AUGUST IS THAT IT WOULD REDUCE BY THAT AMOUNT FUNDS PRESENTLY BUDGETED FOR AIRLIFT AND OTHER OPERATIONS. ICRC UNDERSTANDABLY WANTS KEEP THESE MOVING, IS NOT SURE YET RE EXTENT OF POSSIBLE SAVINGS THROUGH USE LSMS.

4. VIEW IMPORTANCE GETTING LSMS WORKING SOON AS POSSIBLE, HOPE WE CAN WIND UP EXCHANGES RE FINANCING BY HAVING US UNDERTAKE IT AS A SUPPLEMENT TO ICRC BUDGET. I HAVE FAITH THAT ICRC LEADERSHIP WILL DO WHATEVER CAN TO MAKE REASONABLE ADJUSTMENTS LATER ON. THERE HAVE BEEN MUTUALLY ADVANTAGEOUS RELATIONS WITH ICRC NOT ONLY RE NIGERIA BUT RE PROBLEMS NEAR AND FAR EAST AND ELSEWHERE WITH HIGH DEGREE CONFIDENCE BOTH SIDES.

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REF STATE 054744

1. ICRC RAISED FOLLOWING QUERIES: CONNECTION: USE OF CROSS RIVER:
2. REI PARA 2 PHASE 2 CAN YOU NAME OR OTHERWISE INDICATE SUITABLE LANDING AND UNLOADING POINTS ON BIAFRAN SIDE OF RIVER. WHAT LIMITATIONS WOULD THERE BE ON DELIVERY BY MEANS LSM'S TO THESE POINTS IN OTHER THAN RAINY SEASON?
3. IS IT CORRECT THAT LSM CAN CARRY FULL LOAD FROM PORT SUCH AS LAGOS TO NWANIBA YEAR ROUND AND DEPENDING ON SEASON LSM'S COULD PROCEED BEYOND NWANIBA AND UP TO BIAFRAN HELD BANK WITH FULL OR REDUCED LOAD FOR DELIVERY TO ICRC DELEGATIONS.
4. WHAT IS TIME REQUIRED FOR LSM VOYAGE BETWEEN (A) LAGOS AND MOUTH OF CROSS RIVER (B) THENCE TO NWANIBA, ITU AND THE OTHER SUITABLE LANDING AND UNLOADING POINTS.
5. PHASE 2 PARA 1 MENTIONS REQUIREMENT OF QUOTE 500 TONS AND UPWARDS DAILY UNQUOTE. CAN YOU ENVISAGE SHIPMENTS AS HIGH AS 1,000 OR MORE TONS DAILY? TUBBY

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SUBJ: FMG ~~xxx~~ Assent to Calabar-Cross River Route

REF: LAGOS 3142, Monrovia 1674, State 056617

FROM FERGUSON FOR AMBASSADOR

1. My conversation April 11 with Ambassador Iyalla showed that he was apparently unaware of the Cross River proposal. Reftel discouraging evidence of delay after Gowon assurance to me that he would consult and let me know decision as soon as possible. In light Monrovia 1674 and State 056617 travel schedule now flexible. Nevertheless, time has come when we should attempt press for early decision. Accordingly would appreciate your seeing Arikpo, convey following message to him from me, and endeavor convince FMG of importance early reply.

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2. QTE. Dear Mr. Commissioner:

Since my departure from Lagos and my conversations there with General Gowon and yourself, I have quietly pursued relief preparations in anticipation of my heartfelt hope that the decision of the FMG would be favorable to proceeding with plans for the Calabar-Cross River route I outlined.

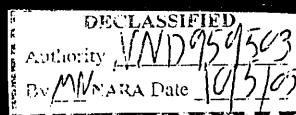
In view of our mutual deep interest, I earnestly hope that your government will be able to give an early favorable response to the above relief route plan and will find it possible to authorize Ambassador Iyalla or another representative of your choice to meet with me, preferably in Washington, to discuss selection of a feasible site and timing for the talks which we hope will bring the relief route to fruition.

With warm personal regards, Sincerely C. Clyde Ferguson, Jr.
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3. From text Washington Post editorial April 12, given septel,

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it can ~~xxx~~ be seen that FMG is gaining increased US public credit and understanding by its forthcoming attitude on relief. Suggest that you may be able use this effectively to convince Arikpo that this development would be reinforced by favorable FMG decision to pursue Cross River plan. Conversely, Biafrans could reverse this favorable FMG position if latter were to hesitate or reject Cross River plan. In this connection, FMG should know that Biafran reps in New York have recently confirmed acceptance of plan in principle and willingness discuss ~~meeting~~ meeting site and time. ~~Therefore~~ ~~xxx~~ ~~xx~~ Therefore strongly in FMG's own interests that it give early favorable reply.

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